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Tories redraft Euro poll manifesto

Anti-federalists claim 200 MPs support looser ties with Brussels

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major has ordered that the Conservative manifesto for next month's European elections be rewritten amid renewed signs of nervousness among Tory MPs about the future of the European Union and warnings by some that Britain should contemplate withdrawal.

The document is being revised by 10 Downing Street after Cabinet ministers complained that the draft produced by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was too long and lacked sufficient punch to deal with the test the Tories face on June 9.

Sarah Hogg, head of the Prime Minister's policy unit, is in charge of revamping the manifesto, and sources said it would be "less elegant and more street-fighting".

Some senior Tories were said to be horrified by the Foreign Office draft. One said it was turgid, dwelt too long on the history of Britain's relations with the European Union and lacked the political buzzwords needed to galvanise Tory activists.

The Prime Minister has asked for a crisper document that highlights the differences between the Tories and their Labour and Liberal Democrat opponents. The move, which mirrors Margaret Thatcher's response to the early drafts of the 1989 European manifesto, emphasises the importance Mr Major attaches to elections that many believe will be vital to his survival. Officials said the document would be published early next month.

Senior Tory Euro-sceptics broke cover to confirm yesterday's disclosure in *The Times* that some of the party's MPs believe Mr Major should seriously consider withdrawal from the EU if the federalists press their ambitions at the 1996 post-Maastricht review conference. At least one Cabinet minister is known to have speculated about such a move and Euro-sceptics claimed yesterday that they had won the support of up to 200 MPs since the fiasco over qualified majority voting.

Mr Major dismissed as "a load of rubbish" a report that he is considering turning the next general election into a referendum on Britain's continued membership of the EU. Some Tories on the right of the party appear ready to countenance a looser trading relationship between Britain and the rest of Europe.

Edward Leigh, the former industry minister, said the Government should enter the 1996 conference saying it would not put up with any further intrusions into British national life. If it failed, it should tell the other member states to "go ahead if you want to, but either we won't have it or we will only have it if we have a referendum".

Mr Leigh called for a distinctive, courageous and robust policy on Europe that put plenty of "blue water" between the Tories and their opponents. This time the Conservatives should not talk tough and give way at the last minute, as they always had in the past. They should insist on having what they wanted or having a referendum.

"This is not just 20 or 30 Euro-sceptics," Mr Leigh said in a BBC Radio interview. "This is 100 to 200 MPs who have broadly similar views, and they do not want to be dragged further and further into a federalist system."

The new Euro-sceptic demands were dismissed as "dotty" by Tristan Garel-Jones, the minister who piloted the Maastricht bill through the Commons. "What people seem to be suggesting is that our negotiating position should be to say we will do absolutely nothing, and if anyone tries to do anything, we will walk out. That is fantasy world."

The rumblings on the Tory benches had been matched by remarks earlier this week by Lord Young of Graffham, the former trade and industry secretary, who said: "What are we doing in the European Union? Largely, I suggest, wasting our time in inward-looking arguments about lost causes, causes like single currencies and various forms of political union, fiddling while the Treaty of Rome burns."

Those remarks were put to the Prime Minister in the Commons yesterday by Teresa Gorman, the Euro-sceptic MP for Billericay. Mr Major confined himself to agreeing with Lord Young's remarks that Europe had to compete with Japan, the Pacific Basin and the United States.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

A member of the AWB attacking a black journalist at the rally. Moments later the uniformed man at right pushed *Times* photographer Adrian Brooks to the ground

Afrikaners' rally vows to continue the violence

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN RUSTENBURG, TRANSVAAL

AT AN ill-tempered rally marred by physical attacks on black and white journalists Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), yesterday threatened to continue a bombing campaign against the South African government.

A black journalist from the *New York Daily News* was punched and kicked by a mob of 50 AWB supporters hurling racial abuse. He was manhandled from the site as he tried to defend himself amid flailing arms. As other journalists tried to photograph the attack, they were set upon. One woman was hit about the head. *The Times* photographer Adrian Brooks was pushed over and kicked as he lay on the ground.

A volkstaat (white homeland) was, the AWB leader said, the only assurance of peace in South Africa, and if an ANC government did not grant it to the Afrikaners, violence would continue to plague the country. "I think there will be more explosions and actions of this type if the government continues to ignore the demands of our people. We do not want to kill or maim, but our people are preparing themselves for the chaos in the next few weeks and months. We are not heading for peace and prosperity; we are heading for revolution and chaos."

The paunchy rightist vowed to stand by those found guilty for the recent spate of bomb attacks, but denied that the AWB executive had ordered them.

Mr Terre'Blanche was speaking at the 19th century farmhouse of Paul Kruger, the Boer hero, near Rustenburg, where a few hundred of his khaki-clad supporters, carrying Nazi flags and brandishing automatic weapons, had gathered for a prayer ceremony. Neo-Nazis wearing balaclavas and waving flags huddled together in a group and sang *Die Stem*, the national anthem of apartheid in South Africa. They carried knives, rifles, machine guns and pistols, and some waved them in the faces of journalists. One man shouted angrily at the media people and called us "bastards".



Terre'Blanche: "There will be more explosions of this type"

Among the crowd were a number of the AWB's women's brigade, the Red Falcons. They were also armed and were involved in the attacks on journalists. Children, some dressed in Nazi paraphernalia, watched the scene impassively.

Except for the AWB leaders the rest of the neo-Nazi crowd refused to have pictures taken. They grabbed cameras, smashing some of them. One neo-Nazi threatened to shoot a local journalist from the *Sowetan* newspaper. A bearded neo-Nazi, standing in front of the house, ordered two more black journalists to leave, and a handful of white photographers left in disgust.

Mr Terre'Blanche was asked about the arrest of 31 of his members in connection with the bomb blasts which left 21 people dead this week. He replied that the bombings came against the background of an ANC communist government. Vowing to stand by the families of the bombers if they went to court, he said his organisation would not co-operate with the ANC if they sought information. The ANC's guerrilla wing, he charged, had been behind the deaths of 500 farmers in one year.

Standing alongside a preacher, he made a vow and asked God to protect the Afrikaner nation in the "struggle our fathers started" which would continue "until we died". Referring to the Inkatha Freedom Party, he said that once the Zulu nation lost the elections and realised they were the biggest nation in South Africa "hell and terror will go on where it left off a day or two ago". Afrikaners would not be crushed, but would emerge as the "third civilised stronger force".

Whipping up the emotions of his supporters, he promised that "after the revolution to overthrow this farcical government was won" the third Boer republic would rise up. A group of his supporters ritually burnt the new South Africa flag. The neo-Nazis were escorted to and from the rally by South African Defence Force troops in Panzer armoured vehicles. The SADF patrolled the roads near the farm and sealed off streets in Rustenburg.

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Tehran denies supplying IRA with weapons

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN warned Iran yesterday to stop all contact with the IRA, after growing evidence that Tehran has been offering to supply arms and money to the terrorist organisation.

Gholamreza Ansari, Iran's Chargé d'Affaires in London, was summoned to see Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, who demanded an assurance that contact with the IRA would be "immediately and conclusively severed".

After the 10-minute showdown at the Foreign Office, a spokesman said: "We are convinced that there have been contacts between Iranian intelligence and the IRA. We take the gravest view of any contact which might assist or encourage terrorism."

Later, Mr Ansari denied "emphatically" that his country had been in covert contact with the IRA. Mr Ansari said: "There is absolutely no contact between the intelligence services of our country and the Provisional IRA. We naturally understand that any such contact would produce a feeling of revulsion in the UK, but as there is none there is no need for alarm or criticism."

Signs that the IRA and the Iranian intelligence service were progressing towards an operational relationship, leading to possible arms deals, emerged when long-standing contacts suddenly changed from overt to covert meetings. Known Iranian intelligence operatives in Western Europe met a senior IRA figure. He is thought to have begun arms and funding contacts with the Iranians within the past year after a directive from the Provisional Army Council, the IRA's policy-making body.

The Iranian organisation is the Ministry of Intelligence and Security, run by Ali Fallahiyan, who went to Bonn last November and met Bernd Schmidbauer, the head of German intelligence, causing outrage in London.

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Britain slipping back in longevity stakes

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has slipped from 12th to 17th place in world life expectancy rankings because of the increasing gap between rich and poor, researchers say today.

Death rates among the poor have worsened and the unemployed are twice as likely to die prematurely as the employed, according to new studies. Immunisation rates are widening between poor and affluent children and there is evidence that poor children receive inferior treatment for the same condition.

Since 1970 Britain has been overtaken in the life expectancy table by Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, the United States and Australia. In 1990, average life expectancy in Britain was 75.6 years, more than three years behind Japan which leads the table with a figure of 78.8. The higher risk of death among the poor now dwarfs almost every other health problem, the *British Medical Journal* says in an article introducing a special issue on the link between illness and social deprivation.

Death rates among those under 65 are four times higher in the poorest electoral wards than in the most affluent, a study of the Northern region says. Although death rates in the most affluent areas fell substantially between 1981 and 1991, they rose in the poorest areas, especially for men aged 15 to 44.

Dr Richard Wilkinson, senior research fellow at the University of Sussex, says in the *BMJ* leader: "If risks as

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College dean resigns over dropped trousers

BY JOHN SHAW AND BEN PRESTON

A CAMBRIDGE college dean has resigned because he believes an undergraduate footballer who bared his backside during horseplay at a mixed dinner was not punished harshly enough.

The first year student is understood to have danced on the dinner table and "mooned", showing his backside to the company, which included five women. He was reported to a senior tutor, and a disciplinary hearing banned him from formal dinners for a year.

Dr Bill Milne, who as dean of Churchill College is also responsible for internal discipline, said he felt the authorities did not support women guests who found the display offensive. "I felt the college failed in its duty to support the students who complained," he said. "It's a pity, as I enjoy being dean, but I understand why the court acted as it did."

The dinner took place at the end of last term at the co-educational college founded in 1958. Ian Temperton, football club captain, said: "Being banned for 12 months was an appropriate sentence." It was a normal end of term dinner which began formally, the men in dinner jackets and the girls in long dresses. "There was red and white wine, and things began to get a bit high-spirited," he said. "There was lots of general silliness."

The college is reviewing disciplinary procedures. Students are being asked to help draw up a code of discipline and recommend punishments for breaking it.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Blackpool Tower sinks in a sea of party politicking

Though we are far from suggesting that he was asleep, Michael Portillo nodded his head forward and rested his eyes during PM's questions yesterday, enabling us to inspect the dashing, fighter-pilot hairstyle which has become his trademark.

Portillo, who has returned from Morocco as brown as a nut, was every bit as tanned as the junior whip, Michael Brown, sitting beside him. Brown (still glowing from a Barbadian holiday) seems to be experimenting with a new, swept-back hairstyle of his own. Together on the front bench yesterday, sleek, bronzed and aerodynamically coiffed, the pair looked like a two-man Argentine tango-dancing team.

It was a warm, sleepy afternoon. So sleepy that Labour's Anne Campbell (Cambridge) couldn't at first get her tongue round the words "British Rail maintenance" and started to ask John Major about British Male maintenance. She was soon followed by the Leader of her party, John Smith, who asked the PM about "media access to bats", which he claimed the Prime Minister was trying to block. He meant Barts, and quickly corrected himself. Journalists remain free to approach bats without hindrance from Downing Street.

As to Barts, Mr Major got himself into quite a lather about John Smith's ambitions to generate publicity by visiting a London hospital. Appearing faintly outraged at the very idea, he spoke with prim distaste of the Labour Leader's "trying to make party political points".

Horrors! The Leader of the Opposition trying to make party political points! Why, this man Smith seemed to have nothing but "politicking" (as the PM put it) on his mind. Major spoke as might a maiden lady who had just been unexpectedly goosed. They're all the same, these Opposition Leaders; they only ever want one thing. We are to believe, it seems, that when a Tory politician visits a hospital — with cameramen, soundmen and reporters in tow — the aim is to comfort the sick.

Government MPs, sitting behind Major, seemed to share his sense of shock. And, for the Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown leapt up to condemn Labour in local government, in Liverpool.

Commons astonishment at the news that the Principal Opposition is involving itself in politics arises perhaps from the novelty of the phenomenon. John Smith has been so quiescent in recent months, and the Opposition benches so dozy, that we may be guilty of forgetting that politics is the game, and Labour are supposed to be playing. It certainly seemed to come as a surprise to the Prime Minister.

Harold Elletson (C, Blackpool N) rescued the House from the unsavoury business of fighting elections by drawing Mr Major's attention to Blackpool Tower. Would the PM care to come and see it? It had just been painted gold. Major would find it "a glittering symbol of the success of the British tourist industry . . ."

MPs breathed a sigh of relief, and Mr Portillo allowed his eyes to close again. We were steering away from the nasty business of electioneering. Cheap politicians might try to drag Party into the hospital ward and operating theatre, but some things were sacrosanct. Blackpool Tower rose above Party.

". . . and would my Rt hon friend agree that the greatest tragedy that could happen to the tourist industry would come from the Labour Party, and . . ."

Oh Harold! How *could* you? Mr Portillo opened a sorrowful eye.



John Smith basks in media limelight at St Bartholomew's Hospital after forcing a government U-turn

Health clash in Commons

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

■ **A dispute between Mr Major and Mr Smith over the NHS ensured a media circus for the Labour Leader's hospital visit**

THE dispute over the Labour Leader's visit yesterday to a London hospital erupted in a bitter clash in the Commons last night between John Smith and the Prime Minister.

John Major accused Mr Smith of using the visit to turn the National Health Service into a party political football. But Mr Smith demanded the Prime Minister call a moratorium on further ward closures.

Mr Smith had been told by Health Department officials that during his visit to St Bartholomew's Hospital in the City of London he could not be accompanied by press representatives because of long-standing rules preventing politicians using NHS premises for publicity purposes immediately before an election.

Mr Major had been forced to step into the dispute on Wednesday night and reportedly overruled the Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, so that Mr Smith would receive media coverage.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Smith urged the Prime Minister to overrule her "on the far more important point" of hospital reorganisation in the capital and the closure of the accident and emergency unit at Bart's.

Mr Major sought to reassure him that there was never any problem about Mr Smith or any other MP visiting Bart's or any other hospital. Mr Major said: "The point is that what you wished to do was to do what you have done on so many occasions in the past and take the opportunity of turning the NHS into a political football."

Mr Smith asked why, if there had never been a problem about his visit, had the Health Department told him that no publicity would be permitted. The Prime Minister had gone to a hospital in Basildon "with precisely these facilities".

Mr Major replied that he had visited the Basildon hospital before the local election campaign had started. Mr Smith called for the Tomlinson report, which recommended wholesale changes in London, to be scrapped because it was discredited.

This view, Mr Major roundly rejected. He accused him of pledging Labour to spend billions of pounds more on health care in the capital.

In the event, Mr Smith's visit to Bart's yesterday turned into a media circus as dozens of press and broadcast journalists turned out to hear him say Mr Major had been forced to "climb down once again". The Labour Leader denounced the forthcoming closure of the hospital's accident and emergency department and said the proposed cuts at Bart's were a disgrace, given that £70 million had recently been spent on improvements.

Patients in London 'need more cash'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S health service, which is facing a huge programme of hospital closures, requires an injection of an extra £200 million a year, according to an analysis of NHS spending.

A report by the Kings Fund Institute, an independent health policy think-tank, says that the health needs in the capital have been underestimated.

In an embarrassing rebuff for ministers, it rejects health department estimates that London overspends by £70 million.

"London merits a larger — not a smaller — share of the NHS cake," the institute claims. "To achieve sensible change without reducing health care for Londoners requires a substantial new investment of resources in the capital."

The report says that the exact amount of underfunding will depend on the outcome of the national review of weighted capitation — the formula under which funds are divided among NHS districts.

The review, which is due to go to ministers next month, is understood to conclude that the existing formula has underestimated the demand on health services in the capital and other cities because of the higher levels of social deprivation.

At the same time, in trying to adjust to the age structure of the population, the formula has overcompensated retirement areas.

The institute says London is unique, even when compared with other conurbations, in terms of overcrowding levels, poor housing and other social problems. However, it supports the Government's plan to close hospitals and replace them with expanded facilities in the community.

"We believe the balance of care is wrong," Ken Judge, director of the Kings Fund Institute, said.

"But we have always felt Virginia Bottomley has moved too fast on hospital closures. We need to improve the community services before we get rid of the hospitals."

RUC chief warns of spreading violence

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIR Hugh Annesley, the RUC Chief Constable, yesterday condemned the latest round of sectarian killings in Northern Ireland and said paramilitary action could spread beyond the United Kingdom to Western Europe.

At a press conference called after seven people were killed in the space of five days, he told reporters: "I do not see anybody stepping back from what they are doing at the moment. I think the violence may escalate." The killings, he said, were "heinous murders".

Jim Brown, 47, a Catholic father of three, became the latest victim when he was shot dead in the docks area of Belfast yesterday morning by Ulster Volunteer Force gunmen as he opened his newsagent's shop.

A customer found Mr Brown, described by police as a completely innocent and soft target, lying on the floor of his shop. Mr Brown had worked in the docks area all his life, and had invested his redundancy pay as a docker in the shop, which he named after his wife, Margaret.

Hours earlier gunmen from the Ulster Freedom Fighters murdered Liam Thompson, a 25-year-old Catholic, in an ambush on a car in West Belfast. The driver of the car, Patrick Elley, was injured.

In his most outspoken assessment of violence this year, Sir Hugh said: "They want, in their terms, some spectaculars. If they can't find them in Northern Ireand they will get them elsewhere. While there is a very high threat in Northern Ireland there is a very significant threat to mainland Britain and a residual threat to Western Europe.

"So long as the IRA are continuing their atrocities I don't see any change in the Loyalist pattern."

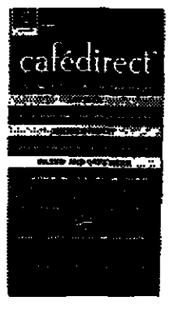
Sir John Wheeler, Northern Ireland security minister, said in the Commons that the recent murders were "appalling" and "abominable". He called on the public to help security services bring those responsible to justice. "There are those who commit and those who know who commits crime," he said.

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Ministers blamed for pension losses

BY SARAH MCCONNELL

THE Government should accept some responsibility for widespread mis-selling of personal pensions by insurance companies to people who should have stayed in the state earnings-related pension scheme (Serps), the GMB general union said yesterday.

Bill Day, national pensions officer at the GMB, told William Hague, the pensions minister, at a conference of pension fund managers that people had suffered significant losses. He accused Mr Hague and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, of "dodging the issue".

A help-line set up last week by the GMB has already been inundated with calls from members concerned that they might have been wrongly advised.

Mr Day said most of the callers earned less than £8,000 a year and should have stayed in the state scheme. Older people should also have stayed in the state scheme because they had less time to build up a pension invested in the stock market, he said.

Mr Day added that he would have no hesitation in taking legal action against insurers who had given bad advice, and called on the Government to support him.

Mr Lilley confirmed on Wednesday to the all-party Select Committee on Social Security that those whose personal pensions failed to provide the benefits matching the state scheme would not be compensated by the Government. Five million people have opted out of the state pension in the past five years.

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Britain slips back

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great as these resulted from exposure to toxic materials, then offices would be closed and populations evacuated from contaminated areas."

Figures released yesterday by David Blunkett, shadow Health Secretary, show a wide gap in death rates between the North and South of the country, ranging from 14 per cent above the expected level in the northern region to over 8 per cent below in the southwest Thames health region.

Mr Blunkett said restrictions on local government, the rise in unemployment and the lack of investment in house building were "contributing directly to the rising disparity in health across Britain".

During the 1980s, the incomes of the richest fifth of the British population rose from four times to six times the incomes of the poorest fifth. Comparisons show that countries in which the gap between rich and poor has narrowed have seen the greatest improvement in life expectancy.

Among the rich nations there is no link between growth rate and improvement in life expectancy. Once living standards rise above subsistence level, achieved by all developed countries, they cease to have a further effect on the length of life. "It is relative living standards that count," Dr Wilkinson said.

Dr Chris Power, senior lecturer in epidemiology and statistics at the Institute of Child Health in London, says that policies aimed at reducing inequalities in health could have a big impact on rates of death and illness.

	Nation	1970	1990
1	Japan	71.9	78.8
2	Iceland	74.0	78.0
3	Switzerland	73.2	78.0
4	Sweden	74.5	77.6
5	Italy	71.7	77.5
6	Canada	72.5	77.4
7	Norway	74.2	77.3
8	Greece	71.8	77.1
9	Netherlands	73.5	77.1
10	France	72.0	76.8
11	Australia	71.4	76.7
12	Spain	72.3	76.3
13	Belgium	71.2	76.2
13	Germany	70.5	76.2
15	Austria	70.3	76.0
15	USA	70.8	76.0
17	Finland	70.3	75.8
17	UK	71.7	75.6
19	New Zealand	71.6	75.4
20	Denmark	73.3	75.3
21	Luxembourg	70.3	75.0
22	Portugal	67.4	74.9
23	Ireland	71.1	74.4

Prenatal test linked to limb deformities

A common screening test used in pregnancy to detect abnormalities can cause limb defects in babies, researchers have found. The technique, known as chorionic villus sampling (CVS), is used as an alternative to amniocentesis but is sometimes preferred because it can be performed earlier in pregnancy.

Fears over CVS were raised in 1991 after a team from the Oxford Regional Genetics Service reported a cluster of babies born with missing limbs to 289 women given the test. The link was difficult to investigate because only a few centres observed similar clusters while others found no increase over the normal occurrence of limb abnormalities. Researchers analysed 79 cases of limb defects following CVS and found that the earlier the test was done in pregnancy the greater the severity of the defect.

Jail warning for priest

A priest who avoided extradition to England on explosives charges was yesterday convicted of handling stolen property. The Special Criminal Court in Dublin told Fr Patrick Ryan, of Dundrum, Co Tipperary, that he may be jailed when he is sentenced in June. His extradition was blocked in 1988 amid fears that he would not get a fair trial.

Identity cards backed

John Major told the Commons that there was a strong case for introducing identity cards, after he was told that a number of employees of Southwark council in London might be illegal immigrants. Thirty-five of the 70 people held by immigration officers in connection with the Southwark case face expulsion to Africa.

Murder retrial ordered

A retrial was ordered yesterday of two men accused of murdering an accountant, Martin Jacks, 23, at his home in Putney, southwest London, after a juror at the Old Bailey said she thought she might know someone connected with the case. Accused are Arron Barnborough, 24, and Roland Thorp, 27, both of Chessington, southwest London.

Prince returns to polo

The Prince of Wales is to raise money for the Leonora Children's Cancer Fund by playing in a polo match. He gave up competitive polo on doctors' advice at the end of last season to avoid aggravating a back injury, but promised to take part in some charity and exhibition matches. The event will be held on July 31 at the Ansty Polo Club, Wiltshire.

MoD spending audit

The Ministry of Defence has overspent by more than £1 billion on 13 equipment projects, including the RAF's prestigious new Eurofighter 2000 combat aircraft, which is due to be unveiled to the public next week. The overspending was highlighted yesterday by Sir John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General. The NAO examined 25 "major projects" worth more than £29 billion. Although there was an underspend of about £3 billion on nine, 13 showed an overspend of £1.2 billion, three of them in excess of £100 million each.

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Father tells how he rescued daughter from kidnap van

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FATHER'S description of how he rescued his six-year-old daughter from the back of a van after she had been kidnapped and molested was read to a jury yesterday.

The father said that he found his daughter barefoot, bound and gagged inside a sleeping bag after the van was stopped in a Borders village less than half an hour after the girl disappeared. The trial of Robert Black, a van driver from north London, has already been told that a witness saw the girl being bundled into the van and driven away on an afternoon in July 1990.

In a statement read to Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court the father said: "I saw the van travelling towards me. I blocked the path of the van. As it tried to avoid me, I moved across the road until he stopped.

"I ran to the back and tried to open the door. I could see no obvious sign of my daughter. Someone shouted that she was in the back. I was handed a set of keys and climbed in.

"The rear was almost empty. I reached out at what I first thought was a bundle of rags. When I got up to them I realised one of the items was a sleeping bag. I was calling out for her and the sleeping bag moved. I then frantically tried to unwrap it and open it. I was speaking to her all the time. At first all I could see were her bare feet and legs. I saw she still had most of her clothes on.

"Her face was very red with the heat and there was a look of absolute terror on her face. Her mouth was bound and gagged with two strips of Elastoplast and her wrists were bound around the back by two strips of cord.

"I was joined in the back of the van by my wife. I don't recall whereabouts inside the van her socks and shoes were but they were put back on."

Later in the day the girl was taken for a medical examination and pointed out a lay-by at the side of the A7 where she said the kidnapper had taken her. Her father said that three and a half hours after she was rescued the marks from the cords around her wrists could still be seen.

> "I was calling out for her and the sleeping bag moved. Her face was red. There was a look of absolute terror on her face"

The court was told that she now had difficulty sleeping and was frightened to go to bed alone.

Mr Black, 47, denies nine charges arising from the kidnappings and murders of Susan Maxwell, 11, in July 1982; Caroline Hogg, 5, in July 1983; and Sarah Harper, 10, in March 1986. He also denies kidnapping Teresa Thornhill, 15, in April 1988.

Detective Sergeant William Orbeston told the jury that, after the rescue of the six-year-old girl, Mr Black said to the police as he was being led away: "What a day it's been. It should have happened on Friday the 13th. It was just a rush of blood. I have always been interested in young girls since I was a lad. I just saw her and got her into the van."

He is said to have told the police that everything had happened very quickly. "It is not something you do with witnesses around. I wanted to keep her tied up until I had delivered a parcel to Galashiels."

When questioned by detectives as to whether he had assaulted the girl, he said: "I didn't have much time, it happened so quickly. I only touched her a little.

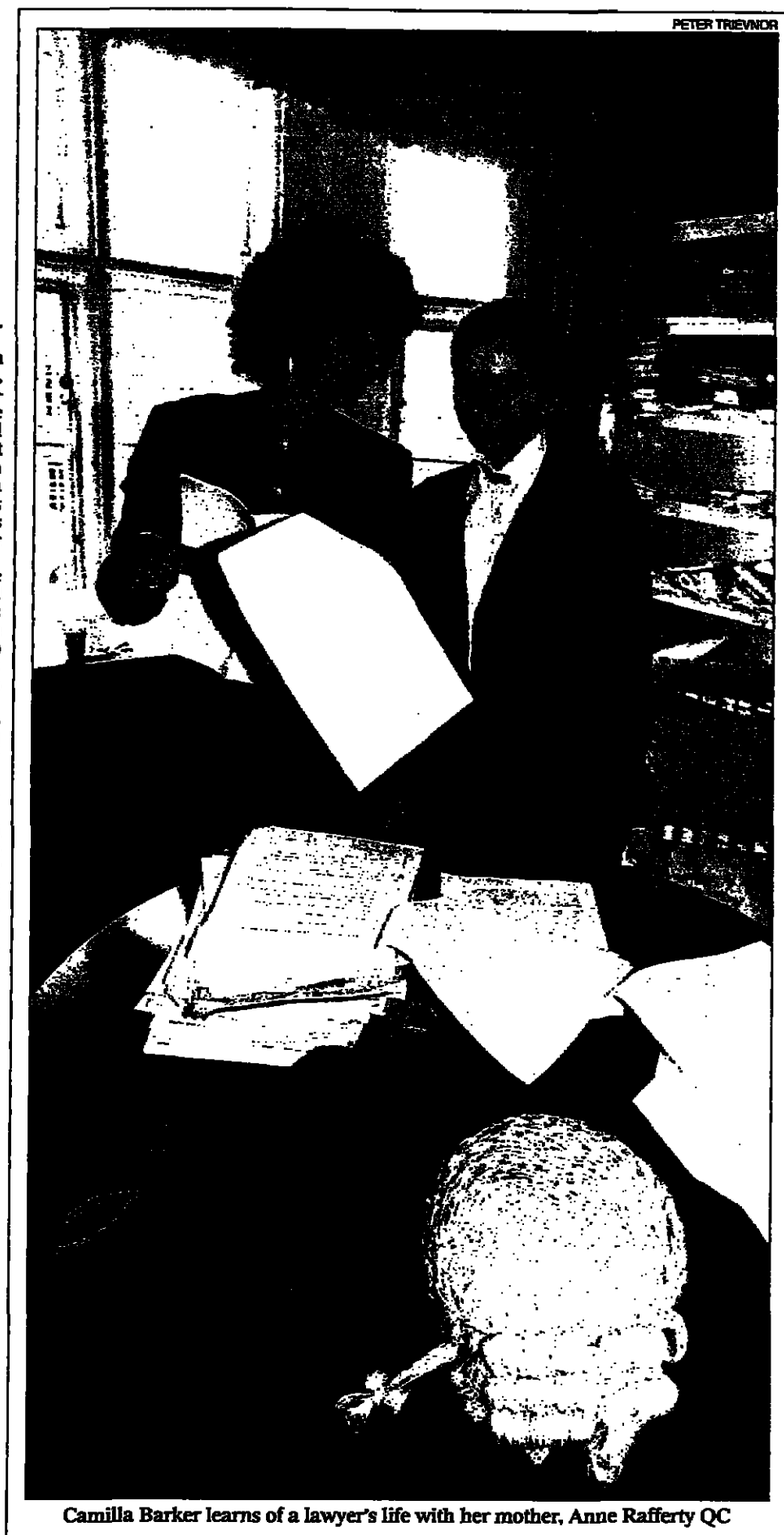
"I wanted to keep her and take her to somewhere like Blackpool for the weekend." He told detectives that he intended to let her go later. "I was going to drop her off."

The court has already been told that the girl had been sexually assaulted, probably in a lay-by just outside the village, in the short time that she was in his control.

Several items were found in Mr Black's van, including a camera, a grey slip, a girl's swimming costume, a child's floral dress, three pairs of swimming trunks and two sleeping bags.

The hearing continues.

PETER TREVINOR



Camilla Barker learns of a lawyer's life with her mother, Anne Rafferty QC

Girls swap classrooms for a day at the office

BY CATHERINE MILTON

SCHOOLGIRLS went to work yesterday in factories, offices, shops and even a nuclear power station. Take Our Daughters to Work Day was designed to help girls aged between 11 and 15 look beyond the traditional career choices that most women still make.

The day, backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, also gave them an insight into what their parents get up to while they are at school.

Girls visited employers as diverse as Texaco and Havant City Council. One group went to the Bank of England while another saw the inside of Goldman Sachs, the American banking firm.

Camilla Barker, 14, accompanied her mother to her chambers in Temple, London. Miss Barker, the daughter of Anne Rafferty QC, vice-chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said: "It is important to see what goes on. Girls can be overshadowed, although it depends on the girl."

She said it would probably be "quite easy" for her to become a lawyer because both of her parents are barristers, but confessed that city life held little attraction for her: "I'd prefer to stay in the country, maybe as a vet."

Les Shaw, a quality assurance manager for Nuclear Electric, took his daughter Louisa to work at Dungeness B power station in Kent. She said: "I enjoyed the management meeting because I have never really seen managers at work. I learnt a lot about the plant and the different systems within it."

Miss Shaw, 14, was impressed by her father's efforts: "I didn't realise he had so much authority."

Melanie Westrope, 14, was a guest of Texaco, which employs her father Kevin as a site supervisor in London. "The best bit of the day was going to a service station where we were shown round all the different gadgets. I've wanted to know how it all works for ages."

Handcuff mother may sue Home Secretary

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE woman prisoner forced to give birth while in handcuffs may sue the Home Office, her solicitor said yesterday. Sue Edwards also plans to take her case to the European Court of Human Rights.

Edwards, 34, gave birth to Sarah Louise while handcuffed to a prison officer in Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester, on Christmas Eve. She is serving a three-year sentence for burglary at Styal women's prison in Cheshire.

She said yesterday she was not satisfied with the personal apology she had received from Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, on Wednesday. The Home Office has also issued an apology and admitted liability. The hospital and the prison have expressed "regret" over the incident and said prison officers had taken "too literally" the instruction that Edwards had to be secure at all times. She had absconded three times, once on a previous visit to the maternity department at Wythenshawe Hospital.

A hospital spokesman said medical staff had been unaware that Mrs Edwards was handcuffed to one of two prison officers who accompanied her from prison to the maternity department. "If the midwives had known she was wearing handcuffs, they would most certainly have protested. It was only after the child was born and staff were changing sheets they realised the mother was handcuffed to the prison officer."



Sarah Louise: born on Christmas Eve

West's wife faces new charges

THE wife of the alleged killer Fred West was yesterday charged with two more murders. Rosemary West, 40, now faces joint charges with her husband of murdering Carole Cooper, 15, who went missing in Worcester in November, 1973, and Lucy Partington, 21, who disappeared in December 1973 in Cheltenham.

Mrs West was in court in Gloucester on Monday jointly accused with her husband of murdering Lynda Gough, 19, who was last seen in April 1973 when living in Gloucester. Mrs West, who is also facing two charges of rape and one of assault, will have the new charges put to her at Gloucester Magistrates' Court today.

Gloucestershire police have ended their search of 52 Cromwell Street but the dig at the Fingerpost cornfield at Kempley is continuing.

Police have declined to confirm they expect to find an eleventh body there but emphasise they have good reason to search the field close to Stonehouse Coppice.

TV cash 'should go to injured boxers'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BRADLEY Stone, the boxer who suffered serious brain damage in a championship bout, remained close to death last night as MPs pressed for a fund for injured fighters.

Stone, 23, from Canning Town, east London, was "still critical but stable" on a life support machine at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel. John Sutcliffe, the neurosurgeon who removed a clot from the boxer's brain on Wednesday, said the chances of a complete recovery were "approaching zero".

He said: "The worst scenario is no movement at all on the right side of the body and no ability to speak or understand speech — a persistent vegetative state. Some see that as even worse than being dead."

It emerged last night that Tony Silkstone, 25, from Osmondthorpe, Leeds, a boxer beaten by Bradley Stone in an eliminator last September for the British super-bantamweight title, committed suicide early this month. His body was found in a river.

Stone's injury during his fight for the championship with Richie Wenton in east London on Tuesday has reopened the debate about boxing. Barry Hearn, Frank Warren and Mickey Duff, the three leading promoters, were forced to defend the sport yesterday in the face of aggressive questioning from the National Heritage Select Committee at the Commons.

Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, pressed the promoters to utilise the £12 million resources from televising the sport. "Boxing is becoming like Hollywood. Everyone is getting a good deal except the boxer, who might get brain damage. Why cannot a percentage of the television money be made available to help the boxers?" he said.

Mr Duff, who promoted the Stone-Wenton bout, said: "Boxers in this country, particularly major boxers, have a better deal than any boxers anywhere in the world."

Appeal judges refuse to cut Guppy jail term

BY LIN JENKINS

DARIUS Guppy, jailed for his part in a £1.8 million gemstone insurance fraud, failed yesterday to have his five-year sentence reduced.

He refused to name publicly a man that he said held the remains of his funds, although he insisted that it was not his close friend Earl Spencer.

Lord Justice Rose, giving judgment in the Court of Appeal, said: "Guppy has only himself to blame if the proceedings before this court have added to his anxiety." He said proceedings would not have been so protracted if Guppy had fulfilled a promise to pay £227,000 before two days ago. The five-year term was "in no way too long".

However, Lord Justice Rose said that a fine imposed by the trial judge of £533,000, with a penalty of a further three years in prison if it was not paid, would be replaced by a compensation order for £227,000 with the same jail penalty. Benedict Marsh, who is jointly convicted, had his fine quashed and his sentence of five years reduced to four. The court heard that he had already repaid £561,020.

Guppy claimed that the remains of the money were in the hands of a Middle Eastern businessman whom he had no means of contacting and who had been instructed to invest the funds in grade A sterling bonds. Guppy said that his refusal to disclose the name in public was because of press interest in his case and because some had already suggested it was Earl Spencer, brother of the Princess of Wales, which had resulted in the issuing of writs.

He wrote down the name for the three appeal court judges and counsel but said he was loath to tell police because a letter to Earl Spencer confiscated by police had appeared in the *Daily Star* two days after he was sentenced last year at Snaresbrook Crown Court.

Guppy, 29, of Notting Hill, west London, and his business partner Marsh, 29, of Southwark, south London, were appealing against their sentences and fines. They were convicted after a staged robbery from a New York hotel room, by which they conspired to defraud a Lloyd's syndicate with whom they had insured the gems for £1.8 million. Guppy said that he did not have the funds to pay the fine, and those he did have were frozen under an injunction relating to civil proceedings for the return of the money. He felt that the fine should be replaced by a compensation order.

Guppy said that he failed to comply with an order to pay £227,000 by two days before the appeal hearing because of what he termed "double jeopardy". He would find himself having to repay money because of civil proceedings and to pay the fine.

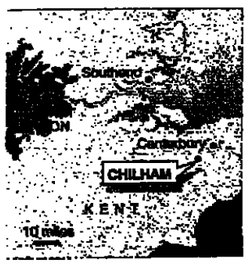
He declined to give full details of the foreigner, referred to as Mr X, who had the £207,000 remainder of the funds. Although he gave the judges a name, he said that he did not know the man's business or how to contact him.

Outcry over dig for Spitfire pilot

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE remains of a wartime Spitfire pilot which had lain beneath a Kent field for more than 53 years have been removed from his crashed aircraft by amateur archaeologists, prompting a furious reaction from the Ministry of Defence and veterans.

The body of the pilot, named by the group as Sgt John Stanley Gilders, from Deal, Kent, was retrieved at the request of his family, the group claims. However, the ministry and veterans' organisations have called in the police to investigate whether there could be grounds for prosecution.



A RAF spokesman said: "This is extremely unpleasant and a matter of great concern. We have a duty not only to care for those who fell in the service of their country but also for their next of kin. The matter is being investigated by the police, but it appears that what has taken place is both illegal and distasteful.

"The exhuming of bodies is not a hobby in this country. If it must be done, it should be done by professionals and within the strict constraints of the law. Incidents like this are taken very seriously."

Col Fred Cheeseman, of the Ashford Branch of the RAF Association, said: "I think it is abhorrent that some people seem to specialise in this occupation."

The Spitfire had lain under fields near the village of Chilham since it crashed in February 1941. It is believed to have been from 41 Squadron, based at Hornchurch. It is thought Sgt Gilders may have blacked out at 25,000ft because of a fault in his oxygen equipment.

The location of aircraft and its pilot was known, but it was regarded officially as a war grave. Before any digging took place, a licence should have been obtained under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986. Kent Police believe that no such licence was obtained by enthusiasts before exhuming the body.

The dig was organised by Mark Kirby, 24, from Tonbridge, who had allegedly told Sir John Swire, owner of the land, that he had the permission of Sgt Gilders's family to excavate.

Mr Kirby said: "We talked to the brother and sister at length to establish that they definitely wanted the dig to go ahead." The relatives had said they wanted the pilot to be given a proper burial.



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Police chief caught in his own speed net

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A CHIEF Constable faces a possible driving ban after being caught by his own force driving at 80mph in a 50mph area on the first day of a police campaign against speeding.

Keith Povey, 50, Chief Constable of Leicestershire, was caught in February on the day his force began speed checks on roadworks on the M1 at Kirkby Muxloe. He pleaded guilty by letter but magistrates in Loughborough ordered him to appear in person next month, when he could be banned from driving.

Leicestershire Police and the county police authority said yesterday it was unlikely that the case would provoke calls for Mr Povey's resignation or for disciplinary action. Tim Harrison, clerk to the authority, said it was a straightforward speeding offence.

In a statement issued by Leicestershire Police, Mr Povey said that he had offered his sincere apologies to the court. He was stopped by an officer in an unmarked car at 11.29am on February 5.

The police operation at Kirkby Muxloe was launched after 87 accidents in seven months along the three-mile stretch where a new junction was being built. At the time, Superintendent Geoff Williams said: "It has become the most dangerous stretch of the road in the county, because drivers are ignoring the speed-restriction signs." During the two-week campaign, 717 drivers were caught speeding through the roadworks.

Mr Povey, a police officer for 31 years and a holder of the Queen's Police Medal, has been Chief Constable since May last year, after the retirement of Michael Hirst. Mr Hirst, who left the force to join Group 4 Security, was cautioned for driving through a red light during his time as Chief Constable.

Mr Povey, who earns about £65,000 a year, is married with two daughters, both of whom are police officers. He joined Sheffield city police as a cadet in 1962 and gained a first-class law degree from Sheffield University six years later. He became Assistant Chief Constable of Humberside in 1986 and Deputy Chief Constable of Northamptonshire in 1990.

According to the RAC, magistrates have discretion as to whether to ban Mr Povey. He is likely to be fined about £240 and could be banned for between 7 and 14 days.

Robert Warn, chairman of the police authority, said: "His job is not under threat. It will not affect him in any shape or form. It is one of those unfortunate things that happens to people."

Adrian Cross, a Labour member of the Leicestershire police committee, said: "It proves the system works and that there is no favouritism in our county. He has admitted what he has done and that should be the end of the story."

David Taylor, another Labour councillor, said: "It can happen to any of us. But I'm supporting him because he's very good at his job. I don't think he should resign."

Last week, the Government launched a £1.5 million campaign entitled Speed Kills, intended to reduce road deaths and put speeding in the same light as drink-driving.



Chief Constable Keith Povey has admitted speeding

Extortion charge woman 'a friend of the Hurds'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN accused of having connections with organised crime claimed yesterday that the Foreign Secretary was among her friends.

Thelma Garcia, a former nanny of the Hurds, told an Old Bailey jury she often had tea with Douglas Hurd and his wife at their London home. "I know a lot of important people," said Mrs Garcia, a mother-of-three who arrived in Britain from the Philippines 19 years ago.

The 47-year-old agency nurse, of Kensington, west London, denies demanding money with menaces. She is alleged to have threatened a mother that her nine-year-old daughter would be murdered unless she paid £150 a week interest on a £3,000 loan.

Brian Warner, prosecuting, claimed that Mrs Garcia was a gambling addict who was desperate to get back £3,000 plus interest from the woman because she had to repay it to others who were putting pressure on her. Mrs Garcia has admitted being a heavy gambler.

It was claimed that the alleged victim, a 35-year-old Filipino domestic worker, was also warned that the money she borrowed came from the Triads — Chinese organised crime gangs — and that she would be raped and forced into prostitution to repay the debt.



Garcia: "I like to help people in trouble"

Mrs Garcia told the court she had no connection with the Triads and had not made any illegal demands. However, she was "angry and annoyed" when the woman did not repay a loan on time and thought of going to a solicitor or police for help.

Mrs Garcia said: "I don't gain anything from lending money. I like to help people in trouble out of the kindness of my heart. I feel sorry for them because I know what it's like to be broke."

She added: "People begged me for money. They sometimes gave me flowers or chocolates or plants if I was able to help them with a loan. I never profited."

The former computer programmer said she arranged loans to other Filipinos through a wealthy couple who trusted her with their money.

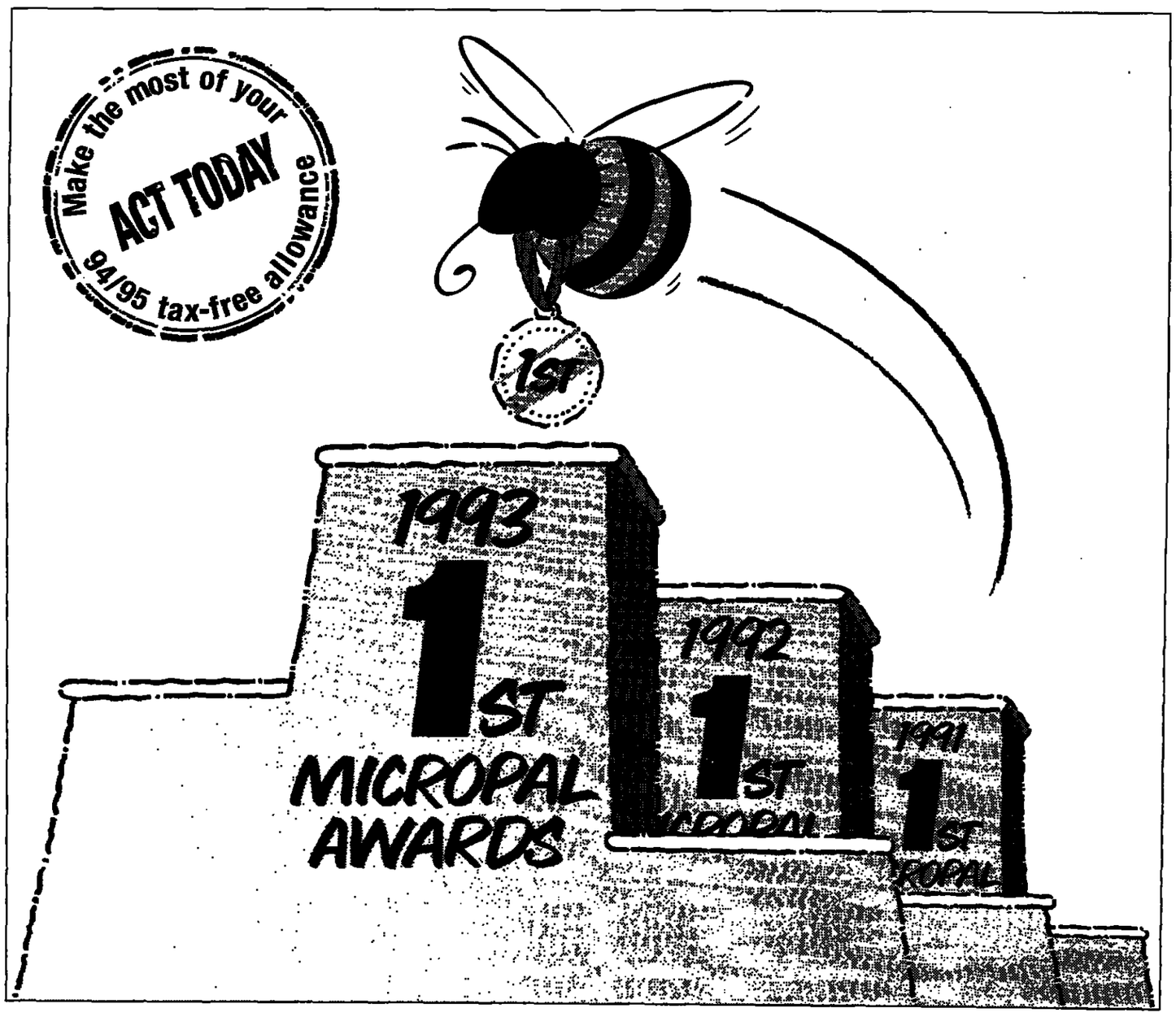
Asked why she did not seek Mr Hurd's advice about her problems, she told the jury: "They are busy people. They have enough problems with the Government. I didn't want to bother them with mine."

Sir Henry Phillips, called as a character witness, told the jury that when he heard of the allegations against Mrs Garcia, "I couldn't possibly associate her with them".

The Rt Rev John Crowley, Bishop of Middlesbrough, described Mrs Garcia as "a good and upright character — generous in her concern for others and of strong religious faith". He had known her for several years.

The trial continues.

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Alton wants 'V' mark for TV violence

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP who has led a fierce campaign for stricter television and video censorship, has called on broadcasters to mark all programmes containing violence with a 'V' in the corner of the screen.

He said the measure would help parents to monitor their children's viewing, especially those in the habit of channel-switching or turning on in the middle of a programme.

"It is not enough for broadcasters to issue a warning about a programme's contents before it starts. We all know we often miss the beginning of a show," the MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill, said.

He added that the 9pm family-viewing watershed, which marks the point at which television companies can start to broadcast adult material, needed to be made more explicit.

Mr Alton's remarks coincide with the publication today of the Independent Television Commission's annual survey, *Television: The Public's View 1993*, which shows that between 1992 and 1993 the number of parents who knew of the watershed rose from 78 to 84 per cent.

An ITC spokeswoman said that moving the watershed might confuse viewers.

Ban upheld on Hindley truth test

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE mother of a Moors murder victim has lost her legal effort to have Myra Hindley take a "truth drug" in an attempt to find her son's body.

A High Court judge said he had to refuse Winifred Johnson's request for leave to seek a judicial review of the Home Office's decision to refuse the drug test. But he condemned the "insulting and outrageous" response she had received from the Home Office.

Hindley had agreed to take sodium pentathol, the judge said, and there was evidence "it might provide the information which has long been sought" to find the body of 12-year-old Keith Bennett. He was killed by Hindley and Ian Brady in 1964 and buried on Saddleworth Moor.

Mr Justice Turner said that Mrs Johnson, 60, of Manchester, had no legal right to know the reasons behind the Home Office's "abrupt and unreasoned" refusal last September. However, he described her request for the truth test as very reasonable and hoped that the case might encourage introduction of a Freedom of Information Act.

Mrs Johnson, who searches on Saddleworth Moor every weekend, said outside court: "I must fight to get Keith buried in a Christian grave."

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Tate unveils £80m arts powerhouse

By Marcus Binney and Alison Roberts

THE Tate Gallery is to create an extraordinary landmark in London by converting Bankside power station on the south bank of the Thames into an £80 million gallery of modern art.

The new museum, to open in 2000 on an 8.5 acre site opposite St Paul's Cathedral, will be the largest museum of modern art in the world, rivalling the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Moma in New York.

Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, wants to build a bridge across the Thames, connecting St Paul's to the south bank, and a pier at the Tate's existing home at Millbank to enable river boats to run between the two galleries.

With the reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe theatre adjacent to the Bankside site and the Barbican centre to the north of St Paul's, the Tate envisages the creation of a new cultural quarter, served by the Jubilee Underground line, which is expected to open in 1998.

Bankside: on 8.5 acres opposite St Paul's

The new gallery will allow the Tate's trustees to exhibit much more of its collections, accept many more gifts and pursue an ambitious policy of purchasing large sculptures. It will also ensure that important international exhibitions, such as the Matisse and Barnes Foundation shows which were seen in Paris, will visit London.

Mr Serota said he envisaged Bankside remaining open until 10pm or later. The Millbank gallery will become the Tate Gallery of British Art, displaying work spanning six centuries by artists such as Hogarth, Turner, Constable, Sickert, Moore and Bacon.

The announcement of the £80 million project yesterday makes the Tate a clear front-runner for National Lottery funds. It will launch an international architectural competition in May to transform the power station, owned at present by Nuclear Electric.

Dennis Stevenson, chairman of the Tate trustees, described the new museum as "the most important community building to be developed this century, and possibly the next".

It has been suggested that the huge turbine hall could be used as a temporary home for English National Opera and the Royal Opera while their premises are refurbished. While the size of the hall might daunt even the most megalomaniac sculptor, the main part of the building consists of a heavy-duty steel frame into which floors and walls can be inserted and removed at will, providing the flexibility all museum directors seek.

MICHAEL POWELL



Dennis Stevenson, left, and Nicholas Serota inspect the site of what will become the Tate's £80 million gallery on the south bank

Salesman struck off for duping the deaf

By Tony Dawe

A MAN who tricked elderly people, including a retired colonel, a vicar and a former nurse aged 91, into spending hundreds of pounds on unsuitable hearing aids was fined £12,000 yesterday.

Kevin Constantine, 34, of Ilfracombe, Devon, invited deaf people to exhibitions at hotels, where he offered them hearing aids that would "change their lives" at bargain prices.

Thousands of retired people took up the offer, paying between £265 and £780 for aids that were useless or no better than free models from the National Health Service.

Constantine received the harshest penalty imposed by the Hearing Aid Council, which regulates the industry, after admitting 18 specimen charges of breaching its code of conduct. He was struck off the register of dispensers, fined and ordered to pay £10,000 costs.

Constantine, who ran the South West Hearing Aid Centre in Barnstaple, told the hearing in London that the cost of the exhibitions had been astronomical and that sales had never kept up with costs. He had carried on trading in the hope of meeting his debts, but was made bankrupt last December.



Constantine: made bankrupt last year

Anti-race campaigns use private detectives

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

PRIVATE detectives are to be used by London local authorities to fight racism. Based on a professional witness scheme in Sunderland, detectives will be paid to collect evidence and take offenders to court.

The Sunderland scheme was set up to deal with problems on housing estates where many tenants were too terrified to go into the witness box. After a successful trial, the council agreed a £21,000 budget to pay witnesses. It has now launched a pilot scheme with the police to monitor rowdyism on one small estate and evict families who cause trouble.

The idea is spreading to London, where it is seen as an effective way of combating racism. John Broomfield, the Southwark director of housing, said that a close liaison between residents, the council and police in the fight against racism was becoming increasingly urgent. "People may take the law into their own hands. This could lead to vigilante groups, which would be in nobody's interest," he said.

Earlier this month Lewisham became the first London borough to approve a professional witness scheme, which will start after the local elections. This will involve council officers obtaining evidence needed to prosecute and evict troublemakers.

Camden and Wandsworth are taking the idea a stage further by hiring private investigators, instead of council officials. Camden has already set aside money for the scheme and Wandsworth is expected to approve a similar strategy.

☐ Greenwich is setting up Britain's first council run uniformed parks police force at the end of next month to patrol the borough's 1,300 acres of open space.

Coroner to tackle CSA over suicide

By A Staff Reporter

A CORONER is to make representations to the Child Support Agency after being told yesterday that a young father hanged himself after being told that his maintenance payments were being almost trebled.

A letter from the agency was found in Sean Lyford-Smith's flat in Taunton, Somerset, telling him that his voluntary payments of £10 a week for his four-year-old daughter were being increased to £27.75 and that there were arrears of £578.78. "This is likely to have had a frightening effect upon the deceased," Michael Rose, the West Somerset Coroner, said.

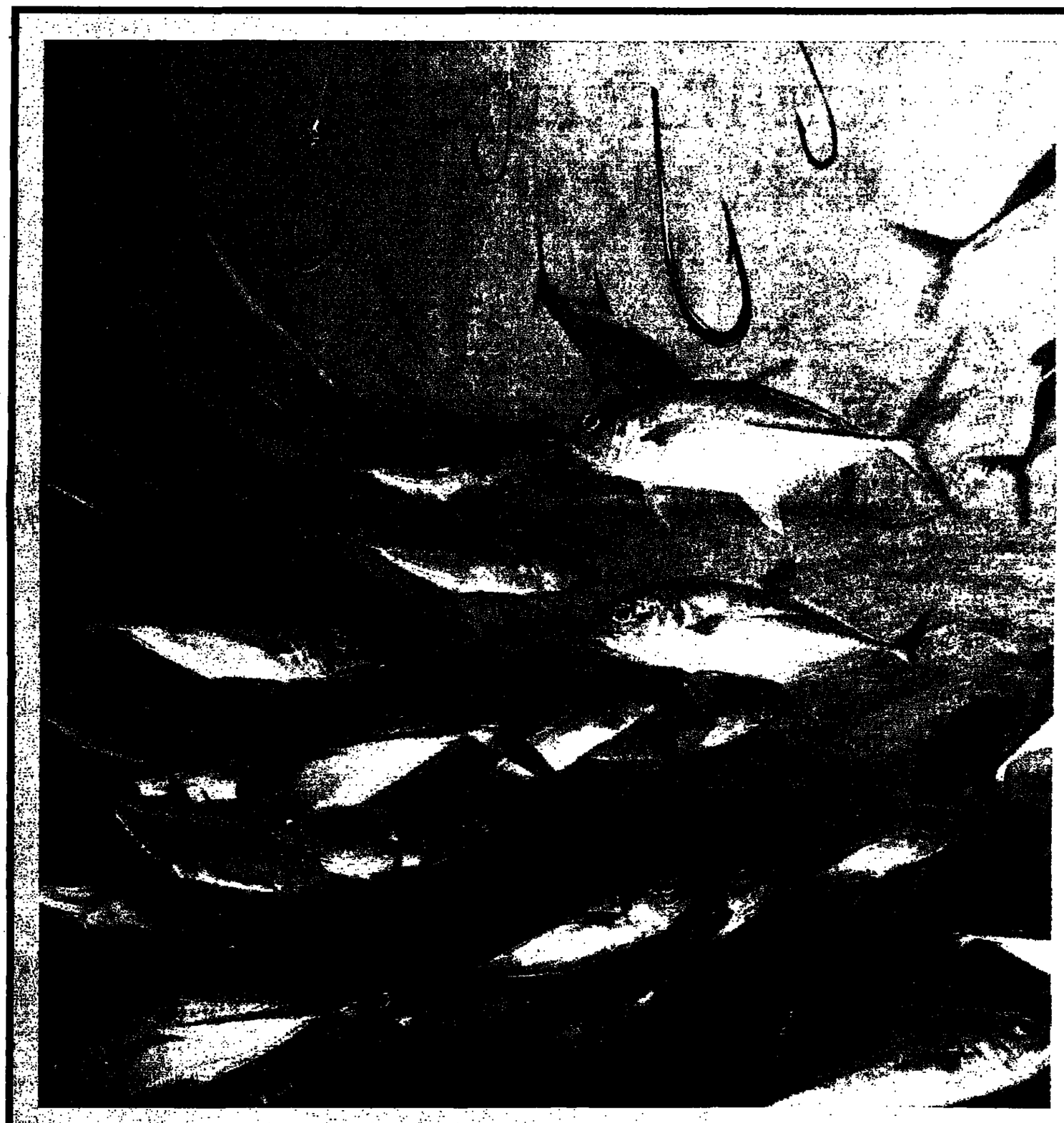
Mr Lyford-Smith, 23, a computer operator with the Department of Social Security, was found hanging from belts in his bathroom after an evening drinking with friends.

James Creber, an agency official, said that a maintenance application was made in June by Joanne Patey for their daughter Maria. Mr Lyford-Smith was sent an enquiry form in September, which was returned a month later. On January 23, he was assessed to pay £27.75, taking effect from the previous September.

After changes in the Child Support Act and an interview with the agency, he was reassessed to pay £12.85. At the time of his death, he owed arrears of £693.54, but these did not take into account his voluntary payments, which would have cut the debt by about £250.

Mr Rose recorded a verdict of suicide and said: "I can't help wondering whether I would be sitting here today if the right figures had been arrived at earlier and the deceased told his maintenance was to be increased by only £2.85. I suspect the arrears would not have built up." He added that he would make "certain representations" to the agency.

Mr Rose said that Mr Lyford-Smith was suffering from stress over problems at work and the health of his child, and had been recommended for psychotherapy.



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Quick and easy law reforms blocked by 'cavalier Commons'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was accused yesterday of failing to implement important law reforms that would make the law cheaper, quicker and easier for ordinary people to use.

The stinging attack came from the Government's own law reform body, the Law Commission, which said in its annual report that its working relationships with the House of Commons had broken down.

Only four reports have been implemented since 1990, including one last year, and more than 30, many of them uncontroversial, are awaiting action. As a result, the commission said, "laws which so many people have to use, often at great personal expense, *remain unsimple, unmodern,* inaccessible and unreformed".

Among the reports that have been neglected are:

☐ Changes to remove "fault" as a ground for divorce;

☐ Changes to ensure automatic joint ownership of the matrimonial home;

☐ Reforms to ensure that when a person dies without a will, his spouse inherits the whole estate or has enough to keep the family home;

☐ Reforms to the sale and supply of goods; to criminal libel; to the law of corroboration; and to the property laws to simplify problems when a landowner dies and to bring in written covenants for buyers of land;

☐ Reforms to international law to make it possible for people who obtain a judgment abroad in a foreign currency to receive an appropriate rate of interest on the money owed to them.

The commission said its *tried and tested recommendations* received "cavalier" treatment in the Commons while complex European Commission directives were adopted with far less scrutiny.

Mr Justice Brooke, chairman of the commission, said: "Much of our law is riddled with faults and flaws and it is often only the imagination and ingenuity of our judges which conceals with judicial sticking plaster the depth of the fault-lines." The law need not be old fashioned, obscure and impenetrable.

The report said "substantial parts of our criminal law are a disgrace", a view shared by police, prosecutors, defence lawyers, judges and academic lawyers.

"Only criminals are likely to dissent because they are much more likely to be acquitted if the law is confused and difficult to apply," it said.

The commission would be failing in its purpose if it did not report a "serious unease" among many, including judges at all levels, about the "quality of English law and the way its work is being neglected. Our law reform Bills, however small the measure and however glaring the mistake they are correcting, all face the same titanic struggle for parliamentary time," it said. They were "all alike brushed to one side at the very smallest sign of parliamentary contretemps".

The commission said the collapse in relations with the Commons had thwarted the implementation of five reports last year, which had been on the "parliamentary shelf" since 1983-85. Now working relationships had again broken down and had prevented any progress being made.

An EC directive on unfair terms on consumer contracts, which was to be implemented "almost verbatim", was likely to produce a "situation of nightmarish complexity in the area of consumer law, a field in which the commission's own recommendations for simplication were ignored by Parliament year after year", the report said.

☐ *Law Commission: 28th annual report 1993* (Stationery Office; £9.95)

ANDRE CAMARA



Sir Clive Sinclair demonstating the Zeta converter, which is attached above the standard bicycle's rear wheel

Sinclair puts buzz into weary cyclists

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A DEVICE that gives an electric-powered boost to a standard bicycle was launched yesterday by Sir Clive Sinclair, inventor of the highly successful Spectrum personal computer and the spectacularly unsuccessful C5 electric tricycle.

The device, called Zeta and selling for £145, is aimed at the old, the unfit and the downright lazy who would like to cycle to work but are daunted by steep hills and strong headwinds. It is the size of a shoebox, weighs 10lb and is bolted above the bicycle's rear wheel. A switch on the handlebar activates an electric, belt-driven motor that turns a small wheel resting on the rear tyre.

Sir Clive brushed aside references to the C5, which folded after six months of production, and disappointing sales of the Zike, an electric bicycle launched two years ago. He said that sales of his latest creation would be "amazing".

The Zeta — Zero Emission Transport Accessory — will deliver a top speed of 15mph on the flat and can carry a 12-stone rider up a one-in-ten gradient at 10mph, Sir Clive claims. It has a range of up to 30 miles and the lead acid battery can be recharged overnight at a cost of about 1p.

The Zeta can be used on the road by anyone over 14, with no need for tax, a licence or insurance and has been launched to capitalise on environmental concerns. Sir Clive, 53, said: "A lot of towns and cities in the world are going over to banning petrol and diesel-driven vehicles. Oxford is an example in England, there are a lot on the Continent and it is happening in the United States. Bicycle and electric power will be the only form of transport legally allowed."

The Zeta will be sold initially by mail order and should be available in shops in the autumn.

Whether the device will restore Sir Clive's once-untouchable reputation remains to be seen. The Zike, which had been claimed to need sales of 10,000 a year to break even, has sold about 2,000 so far. "Most new products fail," Sir Clive said. "If your business is invention, you are bound to have failures. As long as your successes outweigh the failures — and thank God for us they do — that is OK."

In a test-ride around the grounds of Imperial College in London, the device gave a pleasing boost to flagging legs. However, the bumps so common on London roads caused its plastic cover to rattle like a pair of joke false teeth. At least one test rider found that the cover flew off on a particularly nasty bump.

NEWS

Linesman brought to book

A linesman who drove his van at a referee after a football match was found guilty of dangerous driving by Teesside Crown Court yesterday.

Stan Chaffer, 28, a market trader from Middlesbrough, who had denied the charge, was remanded in custody for sentencing today.

The court had been told that Chaffer had a match-long dispute with Alan Tong over his refereeing decisions. As he drove at Mr Tong, who was changing in a layby, forcing him to leap aside, he shouted: "I'll get you next time."

Body mystery

Police are trying to discover the identity of a charred body found in a burnt-out Vauxhall car in a field at Melverley, Shropshire. They are linking it to a Montego car found abandoned two miles away.

Protester jailed

Graeme Lewis, an anti-motorway campaigner, was jailed for four months by the High Court for breaching an injunction at Twyford Down, Hampshire, and appearing in court in shorts and suspenders.

Fire death

A man sleeping in a flat above a fish and chip shop in Bedford died in hospital after a petrol bomb was thrown at the shop on Wednesday night. Three people were being questioned by police.

Navy bunker

An underground, nuclear-proof command centre is to be built for the Navy at Northwood, northwest London, by Siemens Plessey Systems of Christchurch, Dorset, at a cost of £45 million.

Rapist jailed

Albert Thomas, 29, was jailed for 15 years by Liverpool Crown Court for raping and robbing a widow of 78 in her Merseyside home five days after being released from jail.

Bags of help

Firemen inflated airbags under Zimba the elephant, who suffers from arthritis, to get her back on her feet at a zoo in Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, after she lay down and could not get up.

Park attack

Elizabeth Robson, a disabled widow of 81, suffered a stroke after youths tried to pull her off her invalid carriage as she drove through a park at Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Top of the order

Peter Sharpe, a former professional cricketer with Sussex, was appointed Chief Constable of Hertfordshire yesterday.

WEEKEND SHOPPING

All-season mushroom ushers in the spring

BY GEORGINA EVANS

SPRING may be here and the vegetables to go with it will soon follow but the all-season mushroom is a good buy this week. The button variety is from £1.20 to £1.50 a lb, and cups £1 to £1.40. Other good vegetable buys are English cauliflowers, at 39p to 85p, and avocados at 39p to 75p.

British beef and pork are still well priced, with braising steak at £2.49 a lb at Asda and pork leg 79p a lb at Safeway.

White fish prices are down slightly. Cod and haddock fillets are about £2.80 to £2.90 a lb. Whiting fillets are also good value at about £2.40 a lb. Dover sole is about £3.50 a lb.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: Fresh garlic-basted chicken, 85p a lb; pork and leek sausage, £1.19 a lb; four sultana scones, 49p; Lucozade Sport, 45p for two 330ml packs.

Budgens: Uncle Ben's stir-fry sauce, 79p for 360g; new potatoes, 20p a lb; unsmoked middle rashers, £1.39 a lb; Cadbury's milk chocolate fingers, £1.59 for 450g.

Co-op: 7-Up regular, 79p for 2 litres; Müller thick and creamy yoghurt, 69p for 500g; St Ivel cheddar with herbs and garlic, 99p for 200g; frozen corn on the cob, 55p for two.

Gateway: White cabbage, 17p a lb; two Scotch eggs, 59p; Princes corned beef, 59p for 340g; four Freshbake shepherd's pies, 99p.

Harrods: Spanish apricots, £3 a lb; Alsace smoked ham, £2.55 a ¼ lb; sea trout, £8.75 a lb.

Iceland: Battered haddock portions, £1.99 for six; boil-in-bag kipper fillets, £1.99 for 800g; Alabama chocolate fudge gateau, 99p; eight Diet Ski yoghurts, £1.38.

Kwik Save: Ross fish fingers, 24 for 99p; four Dalepak cauliflower cheese grills, £1.19; two Bowyer's buffet pork pies, 49p; Hayward's baby beetroot, 43p for 330g.

Marks & Spencer: Four chicken legs, £1.99; large egg custard tart, 99p; two portions salmon en croute, £2.49.

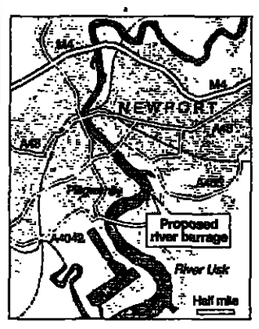
Safeway: Four chocolate mousses, 75p; Irish mature cheddar, £1.69 a lb; beefburgers with onions, 99p for 454g; pavlova, £1.69.

Sainsbury's: Unsmoked Danish back bacon, £2.09 a lb; ten oranges, 99p; apple crumble, 99p; classic cola, 59p for two litres.

Tesco: Whole salmon, £2.18 a lb; green peppers, 59p each; boneless turkey breast, 79p for ¼ lb; American fries, 99p for 4lb.

Waitrose: New Zealand frozen lamb half-leg joints, £1.69 a lb; cod fillets, £1.99 a lb; organic lemons, 16p; shortcake biscuits, 49p for 400g.

Barrage across Usk could threaten rare fish



BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE fate of one of the best-known salmon rivers, home to two of Britain's rarest fish, is to be decided by John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary.

Plans for a £70 million barrage on the Usk at Newport, Gwent, have been condemned as potentially one of the country's biggest ecological disasters. Mr Redwood has to make a decision on the scheme after the finish yesterday of a three-month enquiry.

Newport Borough Council has proposed the barrage to help revive large areas of derelict land, and similar schemes are planned elsewhere. Roger Davies, the council's head of urban development, said yesterday that an attractive waterfront created by a barrage could be the key to jobs and investment.

But organisations including the National Rivers Authority, the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales and United Usk Fishermen claim that the barrage will cause difficulties for seven species of migratory fish, including the very rare twaite and allis shad.

The council has promised to install a fish pass, to allow them to get upstream, but opponents claim one pass could not cope with the unique behaviour of the seven species.

Peter Gough, a scientist with the NRA, who gave evidence at the enquiry, said yesterday: "We are very concerned that twaite are renowned for their inability to negotiate fish passes. The allis shad stock is barely holding on and we do not want it finished off by a barrage."

Opponents of the barrage also fear that it will affect salmon and sea trout stocks and otters upstream, which feed on elvers.

The council claims that the barrage will help fish by increasing oxygen levels in the river. Mr Redwood will make his decision in the autumn.

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Prospects of closer union spur thoughts of divorce

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOWNING Street officials yesterday vehemently denied that John Major was contemplating drastic surgery on Britain's place in Europe. But what they could not deny was that deep in the Westminster undergrowth, some senior Conservatives are beginning to think the unthinkable and ponder a future outside the European Union.

The spur for such politically explosive thinking is the 1996 intergovernmental conference of member states — Maastricht II — at which the Community's leaders will review the next steps along the road to closer union.

The conventional thinking in both Government and Euro-sceptic circles is that over the next two years, Britain will draw up its own agenda intended, in the words of one minister, to reverse the federalist ratchet. Among the items on the shared shopping list are curbing the powers of the European Court, resisting plans for a federal European constitution, circumscribing the powers of the European Commission and the European Parliament, and slashing the agricultural and regional subsidies.

Some Tories, including some ministers and senior figures, are prepared to go further. They want Britain's negotiating position bolstered by at least the implied threat that the Government is at the end of its Euro-tether and is prepared to pull out of the union unless the bulk of its demands are met.

As one minister has put it: "It is unrealistic to think we can lump whatever comes out of the EC. The assumption that whatever it does, or however it evolves, we will accept it, is false. But I want to stay in."

Other Euro-sceptics go further, some claiming that even at Cabinet level there is backing for the "nuclear option", with ministers talking about "when, not if" Britain's 23-year stormy affair with the Continent comes to an end.

Lord Young of Graffham, the former Thatcherite Trade Secretary, is one of the few Tories who have openly floated the possibility of Britain turning its back on the EU, and yesterday he was joined by Edward Leigh, a former minister, and Teresa Gorman, one of the leading Maastricht rebels.

Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors, stopped just short of joining them when he said yesterday, in the course of an attack on the power of Brussels: "The case could be advanced for us to go it alone, but I am not going to do that because we need to be in Europe."

But with the Euro-elections on June 9 threatening disaster for Mr Major personally and the Government in general, even the backbench dissidents are reluctant to put their heads above the parapet. Ministers are bound by the limits of collective responsibility and Bill Cash and his friends are anxious to avoid the blame for the widely expected rout.

Privately, the advocates of an arms-length relationship with the EU cite a number of factors behind the hardening of their stance. They say that the economic case for a closely integrated community is weakening. They also point to events in Bosnia and the Gulf as evidence that the political and diplomatic case for Europe, which they gloomily regard as the driving force behind British policy to date, is less than conclusive.

They add that Mr Major's bitterly resented retreat over voting rights in Brussels has radicalised a party already becoming increasingly hostile to Brussels.

Addressing the IOD earlier this week, Lord Young, once the cheerleader of the single market, was perhaps the first to let the cat out of the bag. "What are we doing in the EU? Largely, I suggest, wasting our time in inward-looking arguments about lost causes, causes like single currencies and various forms of political union. Fiddling while the Treaty of Rome burns."

Lord Young went on to suggest that far from the IGC scrapping mountains of unwanted EU directives, it was more likely to enhance the powers of the Brussels bureaucracy and further undermine the national veto.

Yesterday, as Mrs Gorman reminded him of Lord Young's remarks, Mr Major chose to interpret them as an endorsement of his own calls for Europe to travel light as it sought to compete across the globe.

But, say the sceptics, Mr Major is not blind to the shift taking place in his party. The challenge before him is to exploit it and so shore up his leadership in the face of the threat posed by Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, both reputedly more pro-European and less in sympathy with the sceptics' case.

Sceptics will lose, 16



Government guardian: Humphrey, the Downing Street cat, does sentry duty during a cabinet meeting yesterday

Tories in last-ditch attempt to cut losses

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories hit out at Labour's record in London yesterday in a last-ditch attempt to ward off heavy losses in the capital in the council elections next week. Labour now looks set to wrest control of several boroughs from the Tories and gain seats in many others next Thursday.

Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said Labour represented high taxes, inefficiency and waste in London. Nine out of ten of the highest band C council taxes in the capital were set by Labour boroughs, he said, while eight out of ten boroughs with the highest debts were Labour.

Labour said that if it were given the same preferential treatment as Wandsworth and Westminster its council taxes would be as low.

A poll in Croydon published last night suggests that Labour is poised to achieve the necessary 6 per cent swing and take control from the Tories in the south London borough next week.

RUSSELL BOYCE

The secret of life

The Human Genome Project may be the most important scientific achievement since the splitting of the atom. The map of human life itself — the genes that made us what we are — will soon be complete.

On Monday in *The Times*, the new Agenda page explains how the most secret code of all is about to cracked.

The week in Parliament

The main business in Parliament in the next week is expected to be:

House of Commons

Today: Private member's motion on Disabled Rights Bill.
Monday: May Day holiday.
Tuesday: Education Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debate on the army.
Thursday: Debate on the arts.
Friday: Private members' Bills: Chiropractors Bill and Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill, remaining stages.

House of Lords

Today: Finance Bill, all stages.
Monday: May Day holiday.
Tuesday: Coal Industry Bill, committee, final day.
Wednesday: Debates on transport in London and on sport in schools.
Thursday: Sunday Trading Bill, report.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dragons' Triumph

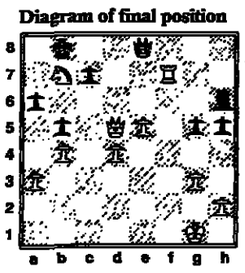
On Wednesday a combined team from the House of Commons and the House of Lords took on a powerful international squad from Wales. The team from Parliament included the Marquess of Bath, Lord Killearn, Lord Jay, Lord Mayhew, Michael Stern MP, Philip Oppenheim MP, Gwilym Jones MP and Dafyd Wigley MP. The Welsh team was led to victory by Howard Williams, their national champion. One of the most sternly contested games was that between Lord Bath and P. Bevan.

White: P Bevan
Black: Marquess of the Bath
Wales v House of Lords & House of Commons. April 1994

Dutch Defence

1	d4	f5
2	e4	e6
3	e5	Ne7
4	Nf3	b6
5	g3	Bb7
6	Bg2	g6
7	0-0	Nbc6
8	c4	d5
9	b3	Qd7
10	Bb2	0-0-0
11	Na3	a6
12	Nc2	Bg7
13	Ne3	Rdf8
14	cxd5	exd5
15	Rc1	f4
16	Nc2	fxg3
17	hxg3	Nf5
18	Qd3	Qe7
19	Ba3	Qd8
20	Bxf8	Rxf8
21	a3	Qe7
22	b4	b5
23	Ne3	Nxe3
24	Qxe3	Kb8
25	Nd2	Rxf1+
26	Rxf1	h5
27	Nb3	g5
28	Bxd5	Bh6
29	Rf7	Qd8
30	Qe4	Qe8
31	Nc5	Ne7
32	Nxb7	Nxd5
33	Qxd5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Bank Holiday Chess

Amongst chess festivities planned for Monday's Bank Holiday is a chess challenge with giant pieces at Pickie Family Fun Park, Bangor near Belfast. Play will last from 10am to 4.30pm and the contestants are Kieran Greer, former Ulster chess champion and Stephen Gillen the current champion.

Also on Monday I will be lecturing, for charity, to Durham University Use Your Head Club on Kramnik's win against Kasparov from Moscow. For details, or if you wish to attend, ring 091 384 5878.

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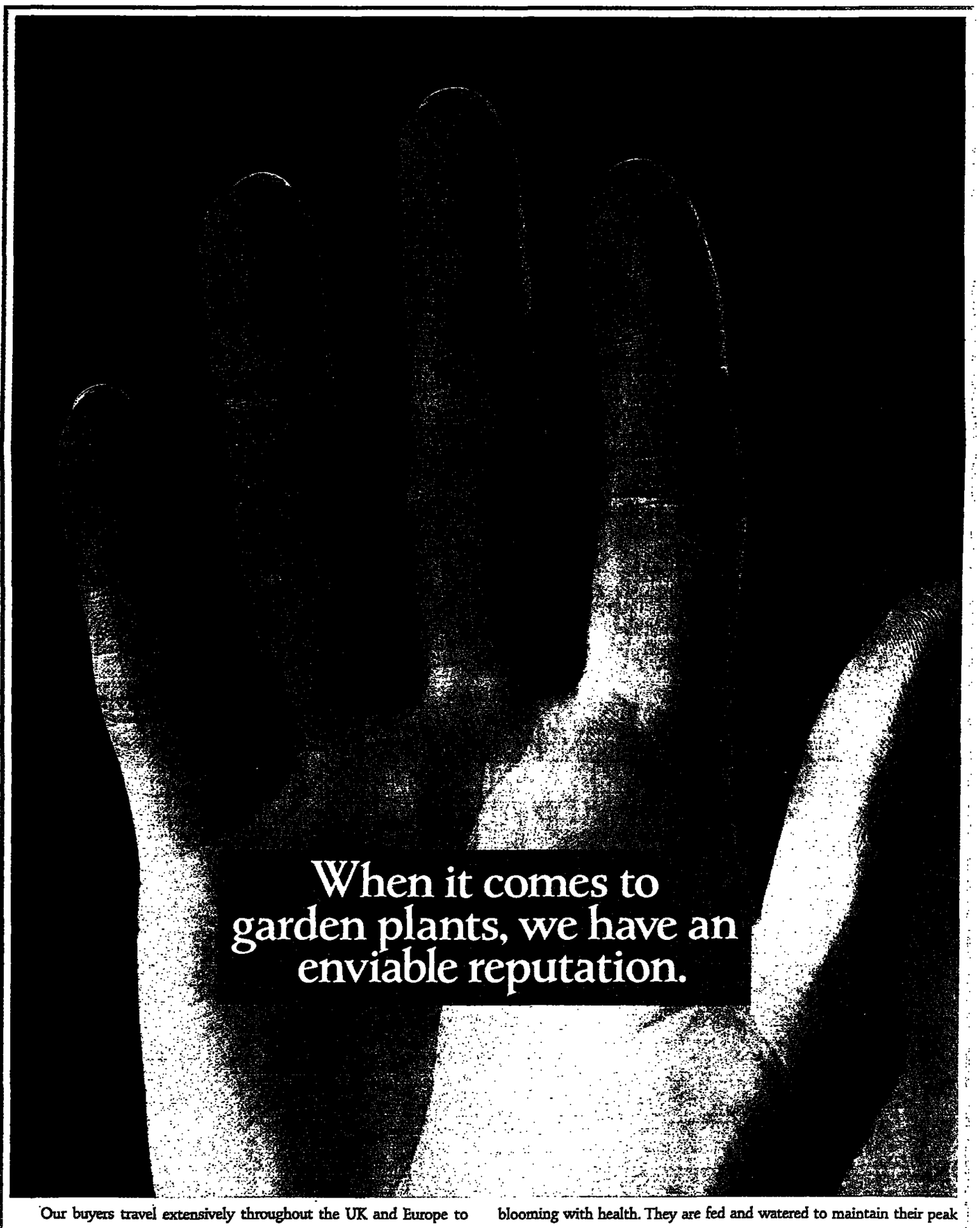
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Opinion poll underlines Major's problems

Tory ratings slump to a 15-year low

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Conservatives are lagging well behind Labour among men, younger people, skilled workers and those living in urban areas, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The latest poll underlines the extent of the political problems facing the Government and John Major, particularly among its traditional supporters. As reported in *The Times* yesterday, the Tories now stand at 26 per cent, a low for their 15 years in office, compared with 47 per cent for Labour and 23 per cent for the Liberal Democrats.

At the end of 1981, the last time the Tories' ratings were nearly as low, the main beneficiaries were the centre grouping of the Liberals and the new SDP, up at 44 per cent. By contrast, Labour under Michael Foot was languishing at 27 per cent following the bitter battle over the deputy leadership contest that autumn.

The latest MORI poll reveals that among skilled workers, a quarter of the electorate, the Tories have slipped from being one point behind at the general election to trailing by 32 points now. Skilled workers are also more hostile to the Government's performance than other social groups.

The gender gap in voting intentions has also widened. At the last election, the Tories enjoyed an edge of plus four percentage points among men and plus ten points among women. The Tories have now fallen to minus 26 points among men, and minus 17 points among women.

The Conservatives and Labour are now just level-pegging among the middle classes, around 44 per cent of the electorate. Previously, even during mid-term setbacks, as in 1990, they were still at least 12 percentage points ahead of Labour, and were 32 points ahead at the 1992 general election.

Again among the middle classes the satisfaction index, measuring those satisfied less dissatisfied, stands at a record minus 67 points for the way the Government is running the country, and minus 43 points over Mr Major's performance as Prime Minister.

The greatest hostility to the performance of the Government and Mr Major is among 35- to 54-year-olds. The main beneficiary is Paddy Ashdown, who enjoys a strong positive rating among this group, as well as among voters in the South and homeowners. His net approval rating among unionists is plus 23 points, compared with plus two points for John Smith. Indeed, Mr Smith's net personal ratings are negative among most groups, except those aged over 55, unskilled workers, council tenants and trade unionists.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota smaple of 1,917 adults at 148 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on April 21 to 25. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).*

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DISSATISFIED VOTERS

	Con lead over Lab %	Net Satisfied (Satisfied-Dissatisfied) Gov't %	Major %	Smith %	Ashdown %
All	-21	-73	-55	-4	+15
Men	-26	-75	-58	-4	+14
Women	-17	-71	-52	-4	+15
18-34	-29	-70	-58	-8	+6
35-54	-21	-77	-63	-5	+23
55+	-13	-72	-44	+2	+15
ABC1	0	-67	-43	-12	+20
C2	-32	-78	-65	-1	+18
DE	-43	-77	-63	+5	+6
North	-37	-79	-63	-3	+1
Mids	-19	-68	-51	-5	+14
South	-9	-70	-50	-4	+28
Owned	0	-63	-37	-4	+19
Mortgaged	-16	-74	-58	-11	+16
Council	-61	-82	-67	+12	+8
Urban	-27	-74	-57	-2	+10
Mixed	-25	-78	-58	-3	+22
Rural	+6	-61	-44	-10	+18
Tr Union	-40	-82	-64	+2	+23
Loc elections	-25	-75	-56	-3	+11

Source: MORI

Middle classes show their fears

THE middle classes are more likely to express concern about the state of the economy, the health service and education than the working classes, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times* (Peter Riddell writes).

The poll reveals sharp contrasts between social groups in attitudes on the most important issues facing Britain. The broad message is worrying for the Tories since it shows that their traditional middle-class supporters in the South are the most worried about the health service, education and crime.

The highest concern about unemployment is expressed by men rather than women, 35- to 54-year-olds, those living in the North, those buying their homes on a mortgage, skilled workers and trade unionists. Concern about the economy is highest among men, the middle classes, those living in the South and those with mortgages.

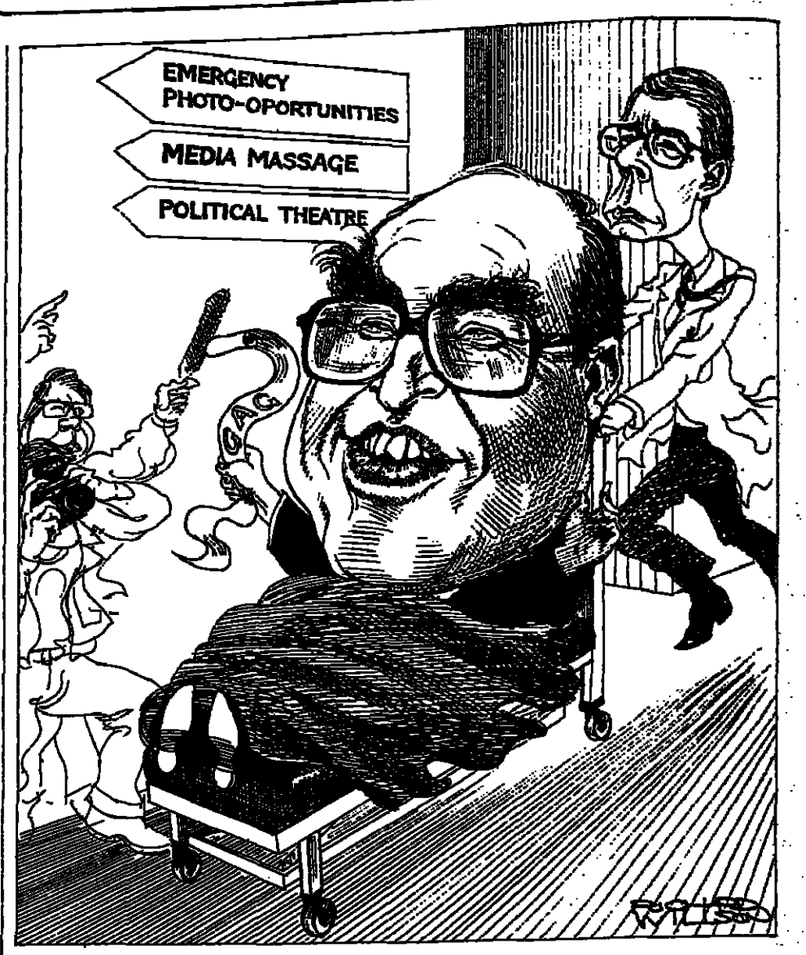
The economic optimism index, measuring those expecting the economic condition over the next 12 months to improve, is now minus seven points compared with minus 14 in February and March. Men are more optimistic about the economy than women and there are sharp social and regional contrasts. The middle classes, those living in the South, rural areas and who own their homes are much more optimistic.

The most unexpected findings concern issues such as health, eduction and crime. More of the ABC1 middle classes are concerned about these issues than the working classes. More of those between 35 and 54, living in the South and those buying their homes on mortgages are concerned about the health service.

Q: "What are the most important issues facing Britain today?"

	% of population	Unemployment %	NHS %	Crime %	Education %	Economy %
All	100	60	38	33	24	24
Men	48	63	35	35	19	29
Women	52	58	41	31	28	20
18-34	34	64	39	23	25	27
35-54	33	66	42	34	32	26
55+	33	52	32	42	14	20
ABC1	44	59	43	35	30	28
C2	25	65	35	29	21	23
DE	31	59	34	33	17	19
North	35	63	33	37	20	21
Mids	25	60	35	34	20	24
South	40	58	44	28	29	27
Owned	24	56	32	41	17	22
Mortgaged	47	64	42	31	28	26
Council	19	59	33	30	17	18
Urban	54	60	38	34	23	22
Mixed	29	63	42	33	24	25
Rural	18	57	31	29	23	27
Tr Union	19	66	45	31	30	28
Local electns	39	60	39	33	25	23

Source: MORI



Taxman rebuked for losing war against VAT evaders

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE taxman is sharply rebuked today for leaving a multi-million pound headquarters half empty while allowing the number of long-term non-payers to spiral.

Tax collectors chasing more than £1.4 billion of value added tax arrears have been told to check their own performance more carefully after losing ground in the war against evaders.

An MPs' report published today criticises Customs and Excise officials for setting up a £35 million new headquarters but leaving it half empty. MPs describe as "unsatisfactory" the failure to make full use of the new headquarters in Liverpool. Only half the 1,800 staff expected to use the new building, completed last year, have actually moved.

The report, by the Commons Public Accounts Select Committee, also presses the Vatman to keep a vigilant watch on the amount of bootlegging following the introduction of the European single market.

The lack of targets or forecasts about the amount of illegal trading has increased the need for close monitoring of traffic from the Continent.

The MPs on the committee express worries about the value-for-money achieved from a 20 per cent real increase in the department's spending, taking it to £879 million in 1992-93.

Although most of the spending increase was to cover the cost of new computer systems, MPs voice fears that there are not enough checks to ensure that spending is justified and call for managers "to demonstrate that a satisfactory return has actually been achieved".

VAT collectors are also criticised for allowing the proportion of arrears to rise up to January 1993. More than half of VAT debts were more than six months in arrears and almost one-third were more than a year old. The MPs conclude that "the need for "firm and demanding targets for clearing older targets are long overdue".

A system of visiting traders to chase up arrears netted an additional £1.6 billion, but the report criticises officials for having "little idea" how much of the improvement was due to better performance and how much was the result of factors outside their control. The report concludes that the department's efforts to analyse performance more carefully had brought "disappointing early results".

Pollsters adjust their figures to set the record straight

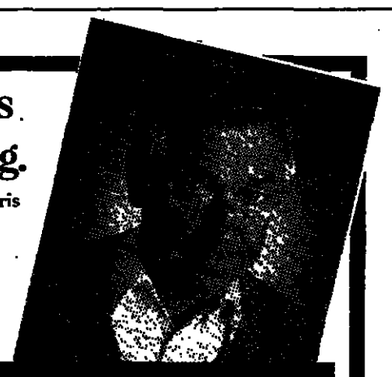
MORI has this month adjusted the normal voting intention figures to reflect the past vote of the don't knows (Peter Riddell writes).

On this basis, the Tory share of the vote is boosted to 30 per cent, against 26 per cent of those who actually name a party, while the Labour share drops to 44 per cent from 47 per cent. There is little difference in the Liberal Democrat share, at 22 per cent, rather than 23 per cent on the usual basis.

These figures are adjusted to take account of evidence of the past votes of these groups, though fewer of those who voted Liberal Democrat can remember having done so than supporters of other parties. This adjustment is intended to illustrate what might happen if these don't knows did vote and voted in the way they recall having done in the 1992 general election. This is among a number of exercises by the polling organisations to assess how they can interpret the responses of people who take part in polls in the light of the controversy over their record during the 1992 election.

The published poll figures generally exclude those who fail to name a party; in our latest poll this amounted to a total of 17 per cent, including 8 per cent who say they would not vote, 7 per cent who are undecided and 2 per cent who refuse to name a party.

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Harriman rues biography about men in her life

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

GOSSIP being Washington's unofficial currency, the US capital faces the danger of hyper-inflation with the publication of a book on Pamela Harriman.

The biography of Mrs Harriman, the Democratic Party's Grand Dame and Churchill's daughter-in-law, will keep the chattering classes busy into the autumn. It chronicles minutely for the first time her half century of relationships with ever richer and more powerful men until finally, last year, she was appointed US Ambassador to France.

Mrs Harriman is said to be deeply unhappy about the book, but unfortunately she provided much of the information herself. The book, entitled *Life of the Party*, is by Chris Ogden, a *Time* magazine journalist and Thatcher biographer, who calls his subject the "courtesan of the century".

He records how "through a series of targeted relationships and liaisons, and always keeping her eye on her ultimate goal of staying close to the centre of power, she makes it in every sense of the word". Each chapter save the last ("Madame Ambassador") is named after the men in her life and is far more detailed than anything previously written about Mrs Harriman's colourful career.

Even while her first husband, Randolph Churchill, was away fighting in the Second World War and she was living in 10 Downing Street, Mr Ogden writes, she became involved with various married men including Averell Harriman, Roosevelt's wartime emissary to Britain, Edward ("Ed") Murrow, the American broadcaster, Frederick Anderson, head of US bombing command, and Sir Charles (later Lord) Portal, Chief of the Air Staff. In France, after the war, there were the playboys Prince Aly Khan, Elie de Rothschild and Gianni Agnelli, the Fiat tycoon. When none of those married her she left for America where she married the Broadway producer Leland Hayward. After Hayward's death she had a fling with Frank Sinatra then married the 79-year-old Harriman. After his death in 1986 — and a facelift — she took up with J. Carter Brown, director of Washington's National Gallery of Art. What must be especially galling for Mrs Harriman is that she herself provided Mr Ogden's "road map". Apparently anxious to counter a forthcoming biography, Mrs Harriman approached Mr Ogden in 1991 to co-author her autobiography because he had written a biography of Margaret Thatcher and had worked for *Time* in London, Washington and Paris. She offered him half the proceeds. He agreed provided it was a "real book" that told her whole story.

She gave him 40 hours of recorded interviews between July and December 1991 when Random House publishers offered her a $1.6 million (£1 million) advance. Mr Ogden claims she then realised that for that sort of money she really would have to tell everything and decided to drop the project. Having tried unsuccessfully for six months to extract compensation for his work, Mr Ogden, who had resigned from *Time*, decided to do an unauthorised biography.

Mr Ogden has not quoted directly from his taped interviews with Mrs Harriman, but he has used them as "invaluable" background for more than 200 interviews he subsequently conducted with her friends, relatives and critics. Interviewed yesterday, he denied that the book concentrated unduly on her personal life. "Until the 1980s when she started her political action committee, her life was defined by the men with whom she kept company," he said. In Paris she now held a post once held by Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. "I have treated her as a player in the political big leagues. We talk about the private lives of John Kennedy and Bill Clinton. Not to treat her life fully would have been sexist and cast her as some kind of matron who did not deserve full scrutiny." Mrs Harriman has yet to comment on the book, but Mr Ogden has heard through third parties that she is "very distraught".

☐ Quayle's tale: Dan Quayle's score-settling account of his turbulent years as America's ridiculed Vice-President is due for publication soon. Only George Bush is spared as Mr Quayle savages those who savaged him and prepares for a 1996 presidential run.

Mr Quayle writes, for example, that on almost every matter that came before him, James Baker, Mr Bush's Secretary of State and campaign manager, cared only about "What's in it for Jim Baker?" Leaked extracts of Mr Quayle's book, *Standing Firm*, suggest that it will ruffle feathers. There is some self-deprecation: one chapter is called "Baked, Mashed and Fried" after his famous mispelling of "potato". But there is much more harsh criticism of the press and his advisers.

Mr Bush's men ran "the most poorly planned and executed incumbent presidential campaign in this century". Mr Baker, roped in to try and save the day, let the world know how awful the Bush operation was so he would escape blame for defeat but be considered a "Houdini" if Mr Bush won.



Pamela Harriman, left, in 1987, and marrying Randolph Churchill. Right, two of the men with whom she was involved, "Ed" Murrow, the television and radio commentator, and Lord Portal

UN fails to win deal on Cyprus

London: The latest attempt at negotiating a settlement between the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus has broken down. Joe Clark, the United Nations special envoy, said in Nicosia yesterday that he had failed to bridge the differences between the two sides and saw no point in further talks (Michael Binyon writes). He is scheduled to leave today, and the deadline for agreement is tomorrow.

His blunt remarks came after months of shuttle diplomacy. The breakdown has plunged the island into gloom, and caused alarm among diplomats that the present precarious situation could rapidly deteriorate.

Pact signed

Moscow: President Yeltsin and other Russian political leaders have signed a "civic accord" to prevent a repeat of last October's civil conflict. Two opposition parties refused to sign. Western observers say it is nonsense.

Cleric sentenced

New York: Abdel-Rahman, a blind Muslim cleric being held on terrorism charges in New York, has been sentenced by an Egyptian court to seven years' hard labour for inciting a riot and attempting to kill two policemen in 1989.

DNA execution

Washington: The first American convicted for murder on the basis of DNA-testing has been executed in Virginia. Timothy Spencer, 32, was sentenced to death for the murder of four women. Spencer maintained he was innocent.

Cabinet formed

Tokyo: Tsutomu Hata, Japan's new Prime Minister, has formed a Cabinet that will govern as a fragile minority government after the withdrawal of the key Democratic Socialiist Party from the rul

Israel and PLO name date to sign peace pact

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE long-awaited breakthrough in peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation was achieved yesterday in Cairo with the announcement that the final accord on pulling out Israeli troops from Jericho and the Gaza Strip would be signed next Wednesday in the Egyptian capital.

President Mubarak of Egypt announced that the final document sealing the declaration of principles agreed in Washington last September would be signed by Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO.

According to Mr Mubarak, who attended a negotiating round in Cairo yesterday with Mr Arafat, Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, the Israeli and PLO leaders will meet first in Cairo 24 hours before the signing ceremony to iron out two outstanding points of difference. *Diplomatic sources said that* one was understood to be the exact area around Jericho in the West Bank where the Palestinians will be granted autonomy.

The other point of disagreement could concern the symbolic trappings of a state for which the PLO has been pressing hard. The main cause of disagrreement is over whether or not the Palestinian police force will have the right to stand on the bridge's crossing into the Jericho area from the neighbouring country of Jordan.

☐ **Moscow:** Russia and Syria, once close allies against the West during the Cold War, have agreed to resume their military links with the signing of a deal to sell Russian weapons to Damascus (Richard Beeston writes).

A military agreement, including sales of weapons, was concluded on Wednesday by Lieutenant-General Mustafa Tlas, the Syrian Defence Minister, and Oleg Soskovets, the Russian Deputy Prime Minister, who is visiting the Syrian capital.

Colony dismayed by snub to Patten



Hong Kong: The decision by Lu Ping, left, the highest-ranking Chinese official with responsibility for Hong Kong, not to meet Governor Chris Patten when he starts an eight-day visit to colony on Sunday has caused dismay here (Jonathan Mirsky writes). Mr Lu, the director of Peking's Hong Kong and Macau Office, has declined to meet Mr Patten, saying that he will be too busy. Polls here show that more than 70 per cent of those questioned feel that a meeting between the two men should take place.

US couple sue downstairs neighbours for smoking

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IN THE first case of its kind in America's "smoking wars", a couple are suing to stop their downstairs neighbours from smoking in their own home.

Valerie and William Pentony of Dover, New Jersey, claim that cigarette smoke from their neighbours' flat rises and makes their life a misery, sticking to their hair, clothes and furniture. The Pentonys want the court to restrict their neighbours, Marie and Mary Conrad, to smoking only during the day and near ventilation. "Marie Conrad does not work, rarely goes out and smokes virtually all day long," said Mrs Pentony, 28.

As more laws in America limit smoking in public places in response to evidence that passive smoking can damage health, many smokers have retreated to their own homes. The Pentonys' claim challenges the right to smoke even there.

"I suffer from hay fever and react allergically to cigarette smoke," said Mr Pentony, 31. "My wife, I know, is very sensitive to cigarette smoke."

The Pentonys have hired Richard Klein, a lawyer who successfully represented a man last year who did not want his former wife smoking around their children. Laboratory tests have found traces of nicotine on the carpets and walls of the Pentonys' flat.

Marie Conrad, 60, said that the couple had asked her only once to limit her smoking and that she had agreed to keep the front door open. "I've been smoking for 46 years," she said. "I don't do it to annoy them."

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ANC's moderate Zulu holds key to peace in Natal



Buthelezi: likely to accept Natal power-sharing offer

R. W. Johnson writes from Durban that the warm relationship between Jacob Zuma and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi could produce a sound coalition in Inkatha's stronghold

THE near shambles of South Africa's first democratic election has again seen Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) teeter on the brink of electoral withdrawal. The spectre thus raised is that Inkatha might refuse to accept the legitimacy of the final results.

There is, unhappily, plenty of substance to the complaints about the conduct of the election mounted not just by the IFP, but by every other party too. Moreover, the chaos was worst in the two areas of greatest IFP strength, Natal and the Reef, where up to 30 per cent of polling stations failed to function on the first day of the election. Although the IFP contributed mightily to its own misfortune by staying out of the campaign until the last moment, there seems no doubt that it is the party most likely to be hurt by the multiple polling irregularities.

Doubtless the IFP's final attitude will depend on its showing in the polls, especially in its home base, KwaZulu/Natal. If the outcome is humiliatingly bad, the temptation to reject the result will be overwhelming. In particular, the IFP cannot afford to fall below 5 per cent of the national vote — the qualification for Cabinet membership — which means it must attract at least 25 per cent support in KwaZulu/Natal, where many IFP enthusiasts are convinced they still command a majority.

A great deal will depend on the attitude taken by Jacob Zuma, the African National Congress candidate for Premier of KwaZulu/Natal. If he quickly offers to form a coalition, the IFP is likely to complain loudly about the result, but accept nevertheless. This is undoubtedly the best hope for peace in the province and makes Mr Zuma a pivotal figure in the future of South Africa. His position is, however, curious. An illiterate who was only taught to read during his ten years' imprisonment on Robben Island, Mr Zuma is the only Zulu among the ANC leadership. This may have something to do with the fact that he has been dogged by criticism, emanating from within the ANC, of his role in the Umkhonto we Sizwe guerrilla movement. He is accused of responsibility for the torture of Umkhonto guerrillas in the Quatro prison camp, but he insists that it was carried out by factions opposed to him. Certainly, such accusations sit oddly with his notably moderate, patient and acccommodating posture in KwaZulu/Natal.

To the fury of many ANC radicals he has endlessly sought compromise with Chief Buthelezi with whom he maintains a warm working relationship, and he has been particularly sensitive to the role of King Goodwill Zwelithini, the Zulu monarch. Mr Zuma goes out of his way in public statements to avoid the harsh personal attacks on Chief Buthelezi that characterise the local branch of the ANC, and emphasises that Inkatha was founded as an instrument for the liberation of blacks.

Such behaviour is bitterly criticised by ANC radicals and Mr Zuma would probably not have been nominated for the premiership were it not for the support of Nelson Mandela, the ANC president. Mr Zuma was opposed by Harry Gwala, the Stalinist ANC boss of the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands, and by Jeff Hadebe, the rising star of the southern Natal ANC. Mr Hadebe was so confident that he would win the nomination that he had to cancel a victory party when Mr Zuma beat him. Mr Zuma's victory seems still not to have been fully accepted: Mr Hadebe continues to control the Durban ANC and his rival gets virtually no speaking engagements and has to run his campaign from a separate office.

All this is likely to change the moment Mr Zuma becomes Premier, as he is widely expected to do. It seems probable that he will welcome the IFP into the region's government as he clearly has no serious differences with Dr Frank Mblalose, the IFP regional leader. This will produce fierce friction with Mr Zuma's own left wing, many of whom are already conspiring against him. Mr Zuma is likely to enjoy the support of Mr Mandela, and once his moderate stance is recognised, of many whites and Indians.

De Klerk extends voting for a day after ballot bungle

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG



Residents in Katlehong township, east of Johannesburg, cheering as Winnie Mandela, the estranged wife of the ANC leader, arrived to vote

MILLIONS of frustrated voters will have more time to vote in South Africa's first all-race elections after President de Klerk last night approved a one-day extension of voting in the Zulu heartland of Kwazulu/Natal and other areas affected by administrative confusion.

Endorsing the need for an extension, Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, angrily declared that the polls had been sabotaged. Mr Mandela said that voting had been fine in white, Coloured and Indian parts of the country, but that all the trouble had been in the black regions.

Mr de Klerk said that he was shocked by Mr Mandela's accusation of sabotage. "It is a very serious allegation for a leader of his stature to make and he will have to back it up with facts."

The extension of polling came after a suggestion by Judge Johann Kriegler, the chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission, who named KwaZulu, and Venda, Gazankulu and Lebowa in northern Transvaal, together with Transkei and Ciskei in Eastern Cape, as places where things had gone badly. The judge said his commission was satisfied that because of its difficulties, "the voters there have not had a fair and free opportunity to express their views".

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, since April 27 the ex-Chief Minister of the former KwaZulu, called for the extra day when it became clear that voting in his homeland was a shambles on Wednesday, and was turned down. Matters had improved yesterday, with nine million extra ballots being produced by South African printing plants overnight, and flown by plane and helicopter to areas where none had hitherto percolated, but there was still profound frustration in polling stations where supplies were reportedly on their way but arrived late. "There is a very slight improvement. But some polling stations started operating for the first time only at lunchtime," a KwaZulu official said. "The situation is still far from being resolved, and we still have a crisis on our hands. If we had to close polling this evening, thousands upon thousands would have been deprived of their right to vote."



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

In Transkei, the former homeland for the Xhosa people, 120 polling stations did not open at all during the first three days of the election. A European Union election monitor telephoned a Johannesburg radio station to declare that, unless polling were extended, hundreds of thousands of people in the homeland would be deprived of the right to vote.

The decision by the election commission, sent via the Transitional Executive Council to President de Klerk for endorsement, means that counting the votes around the country will be set back a further 24 hours, and will not begin until tomorrow morning. Although a running total of ballots cast for each party from each counting station will be kept, it seems unlikely that a final result will be available for certification until late on Sunday or Monday morning at the earliest.

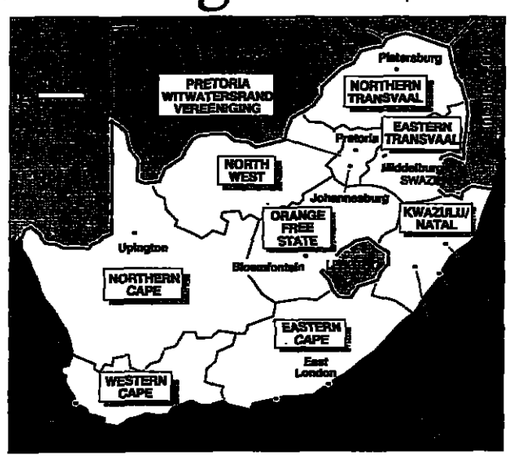
Elsewhere in the country, there were very few signs of the enormous queues and shortages of voting materials that had blighted the previous day. In the Johannesburg area, for example, voters in the white northern suburb of Rosebank were entering their polling station with no delays. In Soweto, the polling station in the giant Meadowlands hostel had only 200 voters all morning, and virtually no queue. The Chicken Farm polling station in Pimville had only 50 electors in the same period, having had more than 2,000 the previous day. The only long queues yesterday formed instead outside offices of the Home Ministry and magistrates' offices as thousands of people who had been turned away from polling stations tried to get the temporary voters' cards. Thembi Mkhosi, the presiding officer at the D.H. Williams community hall in Thokoza on the East Rand, tired from lack of sleep but exhilarated by the task she had accomplished, had kept her polling station open until 2.15 in the morning so as not to turn any would-be elector away. She reopened at 7.15 yesterday morning, but the press of people had dwindled to a trickle.

Police last night announced the arrest of another right-winger, bringing the total to 32, in connection with the bombings in the Transvaal area.

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New country's citizens struggle to cope with gift of 11 tongues

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG



THE exchange between an African National Congress official and a young South African reporter was illuminating. Tito Mboweni, an economist whose ideas about a wealth tax to redress the imbalances of apartheid terrify whites, took instant offence at a briefing in Pretoria when the reporter addressed him in Afrikaans.

"Don't speak Afrikaans to me," he snapped. "You speak Afrikaans to me, I'll speak Venda to you. Then you can try and understand me." The reporter tried again, in English. "We meet each other half way," Mr Mboweni said.

Since 1925, Afrikaans and English have been the official languages of the country, but with the birth of the new South Africa there will be 11. Today the South African Broadcasting Corporation's radio networks will begin 36 hours of coverage of the election results in all of them: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, North Sotho, South Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu. The interim constitution, which has been written only in Afrikaans and English, guarantees that anyone can demand to be dealt with at official level in the language of his or her choice "wherever practicable". It empowers the nine regional legislatures that are to be elected at the same time as the new government to decide by two-thirds majority which of the 11 each will use. The new parliament is charged with establishing a Pan South African Language Board to promote the development of the languages.

There is, however, a stipulation in regional legislature powers that the choice of an official language must not diminish the status of any other official language at the time the interim constitution was enacted.

That was last December and the clause is, in fact, a measure to safeguard Afrikaans, a compulsory second language at school for whites and blacks, from being derecognised. For many, Afrikaans is the language of apartheid and oppression, although it is not only the tongue of most whites but also of the mixed-race Coloured people who have suffered under the system as much as anybody else.

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Oxfam warning of Rwanda genocide

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

OXFAM said yesterday that the systematic killing of the Tutsi minority in Rwanda amounted to genocide. The relief agency said the whereabouts of up to 500,000 Tutsi were not known, and their lives were in "grave danger".

Maurice Herson, Oxfam's emergencies officer, said only about 30,000 Tutsi refugees had crossed the river marking the border with Burundi. They had been attacked along the way and by the Rwanda authorities at the border as they tried to cross. Many survivors were said to have "horrific wounds": in some cases people had been mutilated — their fingers or a foot cut off — rather than killed.

He said many had been in hiding and had not eaten for ten days. He feared the chances of many more escaping were slim and that Tutsi still in southern Rwanda had little chance of survival. "Either they are being hunted and killed or they will starve. They face extermination." Oxfam's country representative in Tanzania, Alfred Sakafu, said that the Kagera river on the Rwanda-Tanzania border was so full of dead bodies that the river could not be used to supply water to refugees.

In Geneva, Tony Burgener, spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, described the situation in Rwanda as the "heart of darkness". He added: "When it comes to horror, this is one of the worst situations we have ever seen."

Government troops bombarded rebel headquarters yesterday in Kigali, the Rwandan capital. UN officials said the headquarters at the shell-blasted parliament in the city were pounded for hours by army artillery. Several UN observers had to be evacuated from the building.

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Top German court relaxes penalties for soft drug use

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY opened the way yesterday for the decriminalisation of cannabis in a surprisingly liberal Constitutional Court judgment on the possession of soft drugs.

Campaigners celebrated by walking through Hamburg's red-light district ostentatiously puffing on marijuana cigarettes and chanting "Light up". Their small procession was, however, probably premature. The ruling still bars soft drugs.

Many lower courts had appealed to Germany's supreme legal body, saying they were unable to pass judgment on soft drug users because the law clashed with the constitutional right to equal treatment: if alcohol and nicotine was legal, why not cannabis? The Constitutional Court decided yesterday that this was not an adequate argument and that *the anti-drug laws should* stand, but it advised lower courts to be tolerant in cases of *people "possessing small* quantities exclusively for personal use".

This has given a broad margin of discretion to German authorities. Hardline courts in Bavaria may still press for a prosecution, but in Hamburg and Frankfurt, where controlled decriminalisation experiments are already under way and methadone is being freely handed out to heroin addicts, marijuana smokers are likely to be allowed to go free.

The pressure for decriminalisation had been obvious for some time. Large quantities of soft drugs can be bought in *The Netherlands without any* problem. Since European border controls were dropped, *cannabis has crossed easily* into large areas of the Ruhr.

More than 16 per cent of *Germans between the ages of* 12 and 39 say that they have consumed illegal drugs at least once. In the overwhelming majority of cases, the drug was hashish or marijuana and most started to smoke it between the ages of 15 and 19.

"Hashish has become the drug of the schoolyard," says Jost Leune, head of the German drug monitoring association. "Young people no longer have a sense of doing wrong when they smoke it." Until now, however, those possessing and trading hashish have been as liable to punishment as those in possession of heroin, LSD or cocaine.

Britain seems to be edging towards a similar pragmatic solution. More than 45 per cent of possession cases are now let off with a caution — compared to 1 per cent ten years ago. However, this system relies on a network of illegal dealers, which can in turn lead to links with organised crime. At best, such dealers are tax avoiders. The same dilemma faces all European countries: how far to relax the law on soft drug use.

Other legal problems in Germany are raised by the court judgment. Police have *been reporting an increasing* number of car accidents caused by soft drug users. *Drink-drive tests do not show* up the use of marijuana, but the effect on a driver's capability is similar. Gerold Kauert, a Munich pathologist, found that 25 per cent of blood samples taken after car accidents in the city contained traces of cannabis. The transport ministry is developing a device to detect cannabis.

Stockholm: Representatives of 21 European cities, including London and Berlin, signed a resolution yesterday against legalising narcotics. Carl Cederschioeld, the mayor, said the decision would be a significant indication to governments that they "must not give up the fight". *(AFP)*



Rosario Ames, left, going into court yesterday in Alexandria, Virginia, where her husband Aldrich, right, was jailed for life for spying for Moscow

Moscow's top CIA spy takes life sentence to spare family

Washington: Aldrich Ames, the highest-ranking CIA official ever caught spying, yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life imprisonment with no prospect of parole (Wolfgang München writes).

Ames pleaded guilty after prosecutors agreed to bring lesser charges against Rosario, his wife. The plea bargain will spare the CIA a lengthy and potentially embarrassing trial, during which some of the agency's tactics might have been exposed. Ames is thought to have agreed to the plea bargain partly out of concern for Paul, his five-year old son.

Mrs Ames, who wept throughout the proceedings at the district court in Alexandria, Virginia, yesterday pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit espionage and tax evasion, for which she will be sentenced, possibly to five years' jail, in August. As part of the deal, Ames has agreed to co-operate with the investigators. Officials believe there could be many new arrests.

Ames, 52, was once in charge of Soviet counter-espionage at the CIA, and was arrested in February on charges that he spent nine years spying for the Soviet Union and later for the Russian Federation. He received more than $2 million (£1.3 million) for his criminal activities, which he used to finance a lavish lifestyle at his home in northern Virginia, near Washington. Ames supplied Moscow with the names of every Soviet citizen whom the CIA had hired as a spy. It is believed that at least ten people were executed as a result of that information.

American aims to use V2 base as space launch pad

BY ROGER BOYES



THE north German base of Peenemünde from which V2 rockets were sent against Britain might be used as a satellite launch pad if a US entrepreneur gains sufficient support from Bonn.

Executives and others involved in the deal confirmed yesterday that there were plans to convert the base. "If we can create jobs in former East Germany and build up new hi-tech industries there, it is worth having a go," said Astrid Treesch, assistant to Christian Schwarz-Schilling, the former Telecommunications Minister, who has been acting as an intermediary in the deal.

After the war, Peenemünde on the Baltic island of Usedom was used as an East German airbase, but since the fall of the Berlin Wall there has been an often angry debate about the future of the sprawling complex. British ex-servicemen were enraged by plans two years ago to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the V2 launching as Germany's "first venture into space".

Richard Coleman, the US businessman, plans to build up a satellite-backed telephone system using Peenemünde as the main launch pad. Weather satellites could also be launched from the base. There is a good chance that the project will secure the necessary government subsidies.

About 20,000 slave labourers were used to build the Peenemünde complex and the rockets are said to have killed up to 25,000 British people, most of them civilians.



A V2 rocket being prepared for flight in 1945

Two letters given academic 'adios'

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LEADING Spanish and Latin American academics have voted in Madrid after a bitter debate to cut two letters from the Spanish alphabet, reducing it to 27 characters.

The next dictionary of the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language will not have separate entries for words beginning with "ch" or "ll" as it does now. They will be included in the main "c" and "l" sections.

However, the "enye", the character ñ — an "n" with a *tilde — survives* because it is a letter in its own right, the academics ruled in *their decision on Wednes*day night. The "ch" is a phoneme and the "ll" simply a *double letter, Gre*gorio Salvador, their chairman, said. Some Latin *American delegates, how*ever, refused to vote for the "assassination" of the two letters, which they attributed to US economic colonisation of the Spanish-speaking world.

An attempt by Brussels to do away with the enye last year provoked outrage in Spain. Wednesday's decision brings Spanish into line with a Unesco ruling that aims to phase out some disparities between Latin-based alphabets.

Professor Rafael Sente, director of the Cervantes Institute in London, said the change would be welcomed by language academies and dictionary compilers. Opposition to the move had come from reactionary quarters.

But the position of words with the "ch" or "ll" in the middle, for example *machismo* and *calle* (street) would not change in the "m" and "c" sections of the dictionary.

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United Nations confirms Muslims vanished as SAS unit guided Nato bombers over besieged town

Rose backtracks on Gorazde defenders 'who turned and ran'

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo and Eve-Ann Prentice

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL Sir Michael Rose moved yesterday to distance himself from remarks, recorded by an unseen video camera, to British United Nations troops in Gorazde suggesting that the Bosnian town's defenders had abandoned their positions to the Serbs, hoping that the West would fight on their behalf.

The remarks by the British commander of UN troops in Bosnia drew acid responses from Muslims and Serbs in Bosnia. General Rose was heard to tell a British soldier: "Well, they think we should be fighting their war for them." With his back to the camera, he added: "Sod them. They lost the ... I mean, how the hell they let tanks down that God damn route. One bloke with a crowbar would have stopped it. I think they basically turned and ran and left us to pick up the bits. They weren't that interested."

British troops, believed to be SAS members, were deployed around the town to help to guide Nato bombers towards Serb weapons earlier this month. A spokesman for the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Sarajevo said yesterday of the British troops: "When they were in the northeast part of the town, the Bosnian government troops were in front of them one minute, then had vanished behind them the next. Whether you subscribe to the chaos theory or the conspiracy theory ..."

General Rose's remarks prompted a sharp response from Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's envoy to the United Nations, who denied that his government wanted the UN to fight its war for it and said lifting an arms embargo would prevent such accusations. "The problem here is that six areas have been declared 'safe areas' by the UN and as a result we have been denied the weapons to defend all of Bosnia-Herzegovina," he told BBC radio. Srdja Trifkovic, the Bosnian Serb representative in London, said General Rose was trying too late to "correct his image" and that he was a "non-person as far as the Bosnian Serbs are concerned". Dr Trifkovic said: "There has been a scandalous betrayal of the truth in Gorazde. The Muslims have been trying to engineer international intervention, saying there were so many casualties. The whole thing has been a lie and it was all accepted as the gospel truth."

Dr Trifkovic also said that Bosnian Serbs were unwilling to discuss the four-month ceasefire suggested by the new contact group of America, Russia, the UN and the European Union until the Serbs' right to statehood and self-determination was recognised.

His reluctance came as Charles Redman, the American special envoy, arrived in Sarajevo for talks with government officials on attempts to find a negotiated end to the war. "The Muslims must be made to understand that they cannot carry on the fight while the threat of air strikes is used against Serbs," Dr Trifkovic said. "The safe havens should all be demilitarised." At the UN, Islamic Foreign Ministers are to present a resolution to the Security Council declaring that a 1991 arms embargo against the former Yugoslavia does not apply to the embattled Muslim-led republic of Bosnia. General Rose's remarks were made informally to British peacekeeping troops on a tour of the area on Wednesday. A British soldier recorded the tour on a video camera given to him by a television network. General Rose said yesterday that he was unaware that the camera was recording the conversation. He described his words as "private" and the publication of them as "tittle-tattle". The general's words on the tape, some of them inappropriate for broadcasting, supported his assertion. Bosnia's Croats and Muslims have agreed on the creation of a joint government as part of the future federation they plan to set up in the republic. The joint administration will be made up of 12 ministers, seven Muslims and five Croats. In Palm Beach, Florida, Baroness Thatcher described the Serb attacks on "safe havens" in Bosnia as an insult to humanity. She also criticised American and Nato leaders for not supplying weapons to the Muslims.



Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose in characteristic pose in Sarajevo yesterday with Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister



☐ **Washington:** An American FA18 fighter bomber crashed on takeoff from the aircraft carrier, USS *Saratoga*, in the Adriatic yesterday. The pilot died. *(Reuter)*

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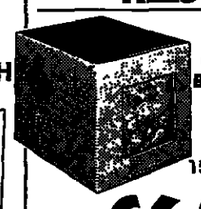
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Scalfaro calls on Berlusconi to form Cabinet

From John Phillips in Rome

PRESIDENT Scalfaro yesterday named Silvio Berlusconi, the Freedom Alliance leader, as Prime Minister-designate with a mandate to form Italy's 53rd government.

Signor Berlusconi accepted, and after his audience at the Quirinal Palace with the head of state, he said: "Italians have voted for new policies ... I believe that I can guarantee a team full of energy and enthusiasm, of new men." He pledged his government would pursue "a foreign policy of peace. I believe in tolerance and respect for others.

"The modern state must be less interfering but more efficient," Signor Berlusconi continued, but he also promised "moderation and rejection of any extremism".

He said that he would set up a committee of "three wise men" to guard against any potential conflict of interest between his virtual monopoly over private television and heading a government. Signor Berlusconi added there was no question of him selling any of his three Italian television stations.

The nomination of the billionaire media tycoon as Prime Minister-designate crowns his giddy climb to power since he founded his Forza Italia party in January and won the March general election with the neo-Fascist National Alliance and the devolutionist Northern League, his partners in the Freedom Alliance.

Signor Berlusconi, 57, arranged for his anointing at the presidential palace to be broadcast live to millions of Italians on his main television channel, Rete 4, with a suitable commentary by his most unctuous supporter, the anchorman Emilio Fede. About 200 people gathered in the piazza in front of the palace and applauded when the tycoon, who owns the AC Milan football club, arrived, smiling broadly.

Signor Berlusconi is expected to assume full control of Palazzo Chigi, the Prime Minister's office, by mid-May after his Cabinet has been drawn up and sworn in by the President. The government then faces confidence votes in both houses of parliament.

The Northern League yesterday again threatened to withdraw from the government unless it is given key portfolios, principally the Interior Ministry. Roberto Maroni, the League's parliamentary leader, said that Forza Italia would have to share power to prove it did not want "an authoritarian government."



Berlusconi: starred on his own TV channel

Italian student prince mourned

By John Phillips

ITALIAN monarchists yesterday mourned Raffaello Reyna of Savoy, 23, the grandson of the last king of Italy, who died mysteriously in America.

Prince Raffaello fell to his death from a seventh-floor flat at Boston University where he had been studying geography. American police suspected suicide, Italian newspapers said.

The body of the prince, the grandson of King Umberto II, was expected to arrive yesterday in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where his mother, the eccentric Princess Maria "Titti" Beatrice, lives with his father, Luis Reyna Corvalán, a former Argentine diplomat. Maria José, the 87-year-old last queen of Italy, was expected to attend the funeral.

Italy abolished the monarchy after a referendum on June 5, 1946, punishing the House of Savoy for its collaboration with Benito Mussolini, but in recent years there has been a revival of monarchist sentiment. Last year, President Scalfaro made a move towards ending the isolation of the royal family when he shook hands publicly with Prince Vittorio Emanuele, the heir to the throne, at the funeral of King Baudouin of Belgium.

Princess "Titti" appeared frequently in gossip columns in the 1960s after two suicide attempts and admitting to a drink problem. She was King Umberto's favourite daughter but he cut off her allowance in disapproval of her many love affairs. They were reconciled before his death in 1983.

In 1986, Prince Vittorio was reportedly told by Duke Amedeo Aosta, his cousin who some Italians see as a more suitable king, that he did not have the qualities to reign. Prince Vittorio was quoted as retorting that the duke was ruining the family heritage by selling large chunks of his Italian estates.

The Nixon way of death

Martin Fletcher on a sudden surge of interest in 'living wills'

In life Richard Nixon, the villain of Watergate, did not always set a good example. In the manner of his death he did, and thousands of Americans are now rushing to follow his lead.

The former President's doctors might well have been able to keep him alive indefinitely following his major stroke last Monday week. They could, for example, have put him on a respirator, a common means of combating the brain swelling that finally killed him. They did not do so because he had explicitly instructed them not to.

Sometime before his stroke Mr Nixon had signed a "living will". This stated that he did not want to be sustained by artificial means if a serious illness or accident left him permanently debilitated. The stroke had undoubtedly done just that, and so America's 37th President was allowed to die with dignity.

The way in which Mr Nixon controlled his final destiny seems to have profoundly impressed many of his fellow Americans, forcing them seriously to consider whether they would want to be kept alive as vegetables. Choice in Dying is a New York organisation that provides prototype living wills. "We normally get between 100 and 200 requests a day," said Ann Fade, its legal services director. "Since the story broke about ex-President Nixon's living will, we have been getting 500 to 600.

"There is a lot of resistance to even thinking about such matters, so when a story like this shows people how useful living wills are it helps enormously."

Fred Plum, the Cornell Medical Centre neurologist and coma expert who treated Mr Nixon, agreed. "This was his last chance to exercise moral leadership and he did it." Dr Plum told *The New York Times*. "Mr Nixon made it apparent that persons of high order and dignity and position were quite able to make a decision that if they could not lead, and if they could not contribute, and if they could not participate in society, then it was not worth living."

Choice in Dying is now urging President and Mrs Clinton publicly to sign "living wills". The First Couple declared their intention to do so following the lingering death of Hillary's father from a stroke last year, but like so many others they have procrastinated.

The idea of living wills took root in the late 1960s as medical technology advanced to the point where it was possible to keep people alive indefinitely however hopeless their condition. In 1976 California became the first state to recognise the documents as legally-binding. By 1992 Pennsylvania had become the fiftieth and last.

Polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans have no desire to be kept alive artificially if they have no hope of recovery, but barely 20 per cent have drawn up living wills — the celebrated case of Nancy Cruzan notwithstanding.



Nixon: left clear instructions

Ms Cruzan was left brain-dead by a car crash in 1983 when she was 25. For years her parents fought to remove the feeding tube keeping her alive, claiming she had once said she would not want to continue living in such a state. Although no one had ever recovered from such a persistent vegetative condition, the state of Missouri refused.

In 1990 the Supreme Court upheld Missouri's right to keep comatose patients alive in the absence of "clear and convincing evidence" that they would want to die, and Ms Cruzan might have lived another 30 years had not three other witnesses subsequently come forward to support her parents' claim about her wishes.

Mary Martin of Michigan was not so lucky. Her husband's car was hit by a train on a level-crossing in January 1987. He too is kept alive by a feeding tube, and understands nothing going on around him. Michigan courts have stopped her from terminating his life even though, she claims, he had repeatedly told her he would never want to be kept alive in such a state.

"He told me that if I ever allowed him to live the way he didn't want to he would haunt me every day of my life. He's kept his promise," Mrs Martin said of a husband who is not only a terrible strain on her, but one of an estimated 10,000 Americans being kept alive in vegetative states at a cost of well over $1 billion annually.

Ms Fade calls living wills a "gift to the family" that would spare parents and spouses additional agony at times of acute distress. The form issued by Choice in Dying is just two pages long and in most states requires just two adult witnesses to be valid.

"I direct my physician to withhold or withdraw treatment if I should be in an incurable or irreversible mental or physical condition with no reasonable expectation of recovery," it says.

"These conditions apply if I am a) in a terminal condition; b) permanently unconscious; or c) if I am minimally conscious but have irreversible brain damage and will never regain the ability to make decisions and express my wishes."

It lists four particular forms of treatment that can be specifically refused — cardiac resuscitation, mechanical respiration, tube feeding and antibiotics. Another optional clause states: "I do want maximum pain relief, even if it hastens my death."

Choice in Dying now seems to have come of age. Even before this week, it was sending out a quarter of a million living will forms a year. As Ms Fade observed: "When even Richard Nixon had a living will, how mainstream can you get?"

Charles Bremner meets the woman Tory Euro-sceptics love to hate

A palace for Queen Catherine

ALASTAIR MILLER



Catherine Trautmann, mayor of Strasbourg, handbagged the continent's leaders into keeping the European parliament in the city and paying a fortune for a new building

Her name may tweak no tabloid nerve in Britain, but Tory Eurosceptics put Catherine Trautmann close to Jacques Delors in their league of villainy. For them, "Queen Catherine", the socialist mayor of Strasbourg, is notorious as the Euro-Thatcher who handbagged the continent's leaders into keeping the European parliament in her city and paying a fortune for a new chamber. The curved glass and steel edifice, which got the go-ahead from the EU last month, will be a £3 billion-pound white elephant, according to the critics.

The caricature, which draws a laugh from "Madame le Maire", does contain some truth. With her piercing eyes, iron convictions and crisp manner, Mme Trautmann exudes a Thatcher-like force that shrivels her foes in the male-run political world and causes the media to tag her a *battante de charme* — charming go-getter — or *fonceuse* — hard-driven woman. Mme Trautman, 43, has been a feature in the political landscape since 1988 when she leapt from obscurity to ministerial office in the government of Michel Rocard. After a stint as the French anti-drug "Tsar", she followed up in 1989 by knocking out the sleepy conservative regime that had run Strasbourg for decades and taking over the city hall.

In a country where mayors run fiefs like medieval barons, Mme Trautmann is the first and still the only woman in charge of a big city. She is now the centre of attention because the Socialist party has coupled her with Michel Rocard, its leader, at the top of its list for the European elections. The Euro-polls are taken seriously in France and the Socialists are trying to break the stranglehold of men in political life by offering an equal mix of female and male candidates.

The 50th anniversary this month of votes for women in France has produced much agonising over the failure of women to win more than 5 per cent of parliamentary seats, second bottom to Greece in the democracies. A poll this month showed that 45 per cent of the French still reject the idea of a woman president.

Inevitably, the formidable Mme Trautmann is cited as a role-model in a debate that differs from the American or British version. The difference, as she notes, is that, in France, the sexes are not at war. "It's been France's good luck that we have managed to keep a certain sense of seductiveness between men and women, a way of relating to each other. In some cases when it's too heavy it can be disagreeable but we don't want to go to the opposite extreme. It's important to keep a balance."

> Men always seem to have something to lose. A woman has no virility to defend

There is no question, she says, that aspiring women politicians suffer fierce condescension and hostility. "Why on earth can't people accept women like they accept men? Women politicians have to have a thick skin to face the vicious battering from men, she says, but they have a big advantage: "Men always seem to have something to lose. A woman has nothing to lose and everything to gain. She doesn't have any honour or virility to defend."

The descendant of a line of Protestant pastors, Mme Trautmann says she provokes particular jealousy because she seems to have it all: two teenage daughters and a husband of 24 years' standing — Jacques, who commutes weekly to work in a Paris ministry. She also enjoys unabashed female pursuits such as needlework. "*Mais, je ne suis pas une superwoman,*" she adds.

She suffers from scurrilous gossip. "There is always this suspicion that a woman cannot have made it on her qualities but got there through seduction. It's as old as the world."

Talking to the no-nonsense Mme Trautmann, with her chic blue suit and a lot of gold jewellery, you get the impression she was born to command. Sitting in the Maison de l'Alsace, her Paris office on the Champs Elysées, she says her rise was almost accidental. She was a town councillor in Strasbourg when, almost as a dare, she was put on the candidates' list in the 1986 general elections. She vaulted to high office in the Socialist party, where she backed Rocard, head of the pragmatic wing opposed to François Mitterrand. She was secretary of state for the handicapped and elderly for only six weeks before going on to the drugs post.

The biggest break came when she astonished the cosy political world of Alsace by winning the mayor's job, the first Socialist to do so for 60 years. The citizens of Strasbourg, then a pleasant backwater on the Rhine, hardly knew what hit them as Mme Trautmann launched a barrage of projects to revive the city and bolster its claim to being the capital of Europe. These included a big tram system whose construction has disrupted life and put up local taxes.

In 1992, Mme Trautmann turned down an offer from Pierre Bérégovoy to take a ministerial portfolio in his government because she wanted to focus on her mayor's job. She already sits as an MEP, and sees the new European Parliament building as the crown jewel of the new European identity. In these anti-Maastricht days, when many French politicians are trying to forget their convictions of 1992, she argues with a passion for Strasbourg's place as the heart of Europe and symbol of reconciliation.

"Of course the British were the most virulent opponents in the battle of Strasbourg because they don't like the Franco-German pre-eminence," she says. However, the city was, she notes, favoured by Ernest Bevin as the site for a European assembly. "If you put Strasbourg into question, you are put the whole of Europe into doubt." The future, she insists must lie with the creation of a full-bodied European legislature that answers to a new notion of European citizenship.

Getting things done requires a certain unpopularity, she says. "I was terribly popular at the beginning and then I had a giddy plunge to the bottom." With the tramway and other schemes near completion, she hopes to redeem herself fully in time for new city elections in a year. "I've taken my knocks before and I'm not frightened of losing." A belief in the permanent right to power is an old-fashioned male phenomenon, she says.

How many theses are doctored?

Growing academic pressures are tempting students to plagiarise

DR GARY HUGHES, a former student at Trinity College, Oxford, is just plain Mr Hughes again. This week he was stripped of his title on the ground that his doctorate on 18th-century American politics had plagiarised someone else's work.

The university's governing Congregation passed a decree carrying out the divestment after a two-year enquiry. Mr Hughes is only the second student to bring such disgrace on Oxford University. There was a similar case in 1990.

Professor Steven Newstead, of Plymouth University's psychology department, has investigated the prevalence of cheating among Britain's undergraduates. His research suggests that it has become a commonplace on campus, with about half of a random sample of 1,000 students he questioned admitting to some form of academic dishonesty.

> 'It could undermine the credibility of the entire system'

He does not yet have comparable figures for the country's far smaller number of doctoral students, but the Oxford two are not the only PhD frauds. At the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth a college lecturer tried to achieve a doctorate in 1992 by plagiarising the work of one of her students.

Cheating at PhD level is particularly invidious, Professor Newstead says. "I would be worried if there were cases of students who had plagiarised their way to a PhD and then got an academic job. It would undermine the credibility of the entire system."

In America, he says, cheating is rife: "It is not unknown, I believe, for students to purchase theses in the US. The cultural and financial pressure to succeed is immense. Most American students fund their way through university."

Changes to British university funding are increasing the pressure on students. Funds are linked to research ratings. For example, social science departments now have to make sure that 70 per cent of doctoral theses are completed within four years. If they don't, their parent institutions could lose funds. Last year 73 per cent of 1989 starters had submitted their theses within the four-year deadline, compared with a figure of just 25 per cent in 1985.

But even if they had more time, even the most diligent scholars are unlikely to have read every new text in their subject. The British Computer Library Society estimates that a student researching the subject of computing in 1983 would have had a bank of about 1,150 works to consult. Today the figure is more than 14,000, reflecting a general trend.

The impossibility of reading every last word on a subject makes it easier to get away with plagiarism — as Mr Hughes did for a while. It transpired that he had copied chunks of a 1976 thesis by Douglas McNeil Arnold on 18th-century Pennsylvania without acknowledging his source.

David Lodge, author and former academic, says that the gap between quotation and copying can be difficult to define. "When I was at Birmingham University, guidelines had to be issued explaining the protocol because there were more and more cases of students incorporating chunks of critics without acknowledging their source," he says.

"But I think that most universities are now improving the quality of postgraduate supervision. In the past it was often very casual and frankly inadequate. That may be why some students go off the rails."

CATHERINE MILTON

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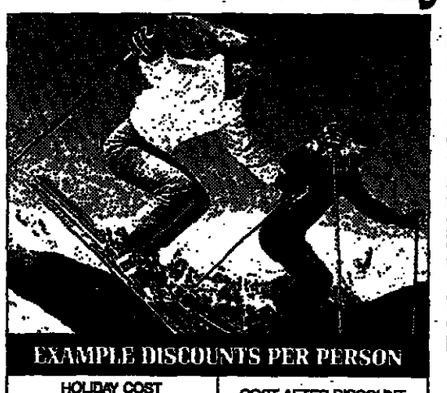
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After three years of entertaining the capital's social élite, the American ambassador and his wife say farewell

Will London lose such an elegant Seitz?

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



On *Desert Island Discs*, Raymond Seitz, the departing American ambassador, was telling how his wife Caroline regards it as her duty to puncture any sign of pomposity in her husband. One night at the embassy residence he had greeted a conductor who said he had spent the day recording Mozart. "Ah, Mozart," sighed the ambassador. "For me there are just two categories of composer. One is Mozart, and the other is all the rest."

Whereupon Caroline Seitz piped up: "What about Marvin Gaye?"

The constant presence at her husband's side of the tiny, vivacious, sharp-witted wife — usually in white, and ready to greet every guest with a large hug and a cry of "Hey, *Sugar!*" — should not be overlooked in the general lament for the departure of Winfield House's able and popular envoy.

At the Regent's Park house, handsomely leased to the American government for one dollar by the late Barbara Hutton, we sat in Walter Annenberg's elegant element of refurbishment, the Chinese wallpapered drawing room.

It may seem easy to acquire a reputation for hospitality in such charming surroundings but everyone seems to agree that the Seitz regime added a new and homely ingredient. In a word, *dogs*. Like other couples whose children have flown the nest, the Seitzes are potty about their three dogs and insisted that they join in the fun however formal the occasion. So the Duchess of Kent had a slimy tennis ball deposited in her lap by Chloe the golden retriever. At a grand luncheon, the butler opened the double doors to find Scarlett the labrador standing in the centre of the table, having consumed every bread-roll and all the butter.

Another time, when a guest had removed her shoes, Scarlett carried them off into the garden. And what about the time the venerable Senator Claiborne Pell was sent sprawling over the parquet by a snoozing Topsy, or when George Schultz was in the shower and the curtains parted and a blonde — Chloe — sprang into the shower with him? No wonder that among all the valedictory encomia heaped on the Seitzes the most fulsome appears in the *British Kennel Gazette*.

At Christmas, the Seitzes had a large teddy bear in their hall with a label reading "Don't ask". Months passed and there was still no definite word from the White House about their fate under the Clinton regime, while the British press engaged in a chorus of "Yankee don't go home". But today really is their last day *en poste*.

And the final fortnight has been memorable. They had just been to St James's Palace to receive the Prince of Wales's farewell. They had dined with the Queen, and lunched with the Queen Mother and her corgis. "Raymond is now planning to leave me," said Caroline, wide-eyed, "and marry the Queen Mother." It takes a Southern belle to deliver this with proper comic timing.

> She is always ready to greet every guest to her home with a hug and a cry of 'Hey, Sugar!'

A grand dinner was held at Spencer House: speaker, Alistair Cooke: after-dinner vaudeville provided on video by Messrs Reagan, Bush and Baker, all singing Seitz's praises. The Prime Minister had given a smaller dinner, at which the ambassador jested that it was going to be back to basics for the Seitzes from now on, so Caroline would have to give Mrs Thatcher back her jewellery.

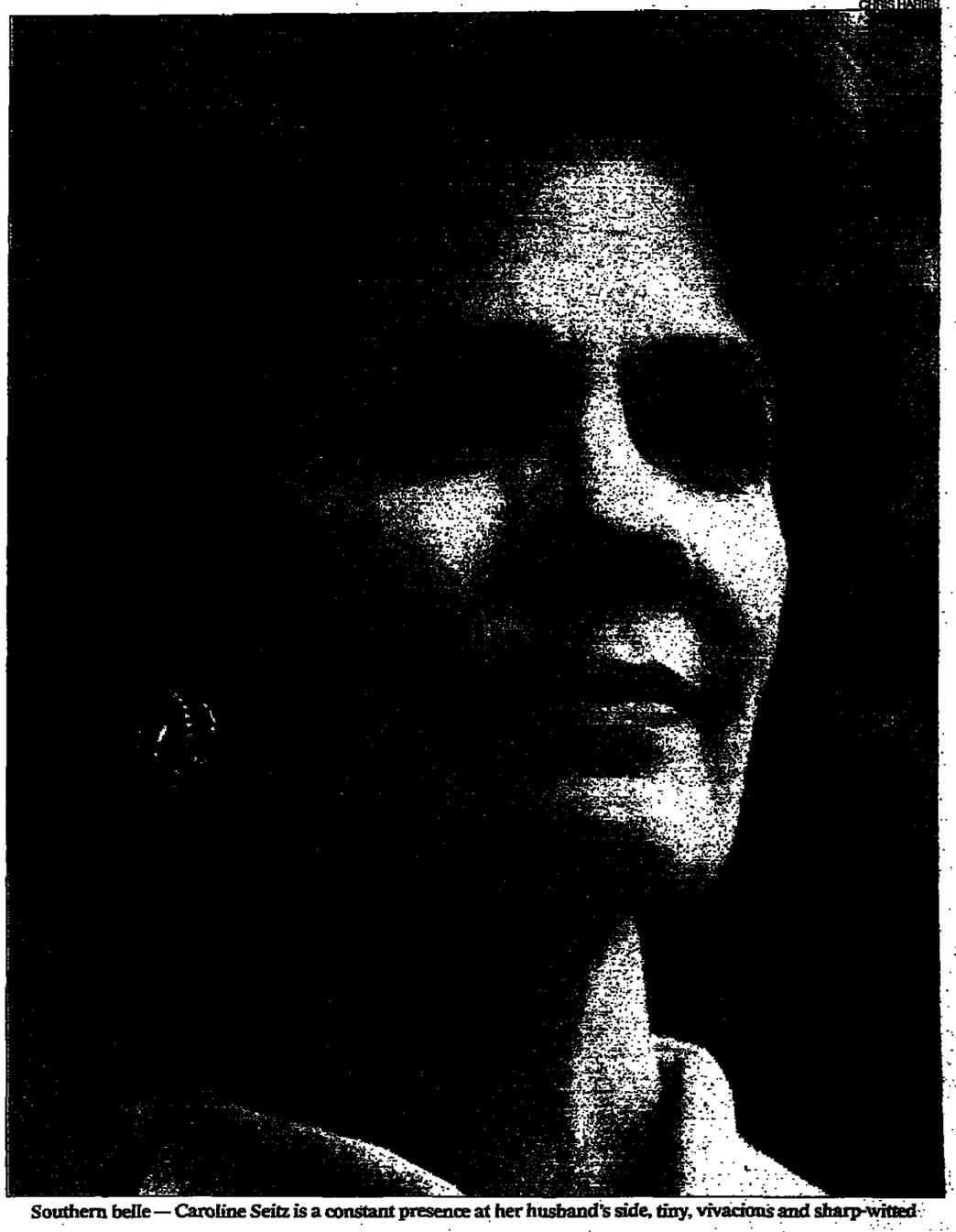
From Lord Wakeham's wife the next day arrived a red Cartier box containing a small tiara, plus two dollar bills towards the Seitz Passport Relief Fund: the US government, having taken the Seitzes' diplomatic passports, requested $110 for their new ones . . .

"You want to know if I write Raymond's speeches?" Mrs Seitz asks. "The answer is yes. I look through them and say, 'What's that stray apostrophe doing?' I am high sheriff of the Apostrophe Posse." She has been known to whip out her red marker pen and alter a street sign, "Pedestrian's cross here". "And when I saw 'Bursars' Office' in a Cambridge college the scales fell from my eyes about Cambridge." (But perhaps it had a brace of bursars?) When Seitz was presented with a framed picture with an "it's" for "its" in the caption, Caroline wanted to send it back: "I could not have that on my wall." "When I fill in a form, I have no 'occupation' to enter: I can't write 'hostess' because that sounds like I run a bordello. So Raymond had me some calling cards printed saying 'Caroline Richardson Seitz: Critic'."

What cements their marriage is that each finds the other hilarious. Over lunch of soufflé and salad, Mr Seitz's engaging laughter punctuated everything his wife said. Especially when she told him she had just heard that the Clintons are definitely coming to London soon, but will stay only one night. "So I shall be able to say that Bill Clinton and I have slept in the same bed."

Their appointment to London in 1991 came as a shock, but also a consolation after a harrowing year. Their Washington house, near Montrose Park in Georgetown, had just been redecorated when one dark, rainy night Seitz arrived back from Nato talks in Brussels to find fire engines blocking the street. Which *poor bastard's house had* burnt down, he wondered; and then saw Caroline, son Thomas, dogs and cat watching firemen battle with hoses and axes. When fire started in the basement a basketball had ignited, so a column of viscous black smoke enveloped every corner of the house. "My definition of sang-froid," says Seitz, "is that when the firemen marched in Caroline called out, 'Don't forget to wipe your boots'."

No sooner had the house again been restored than President Bush's call came to Seitz, in a restaurant bar in Brussels, offering him the Court of St James's, the first career diplomat in the post: since when the Gatt talks, Bosnia, British and US elections and contentious matters like Gerry Adams's visa have invoked all his tactical skills of diplomatic distillation.



CHRIS HARRIS

Southern belle — Caroline Seitz is a constant presence at her husband's side, tiny, vivacious and sharp-witted

Unlike her husband, son of a peripatetic general who led a D-Day landing — Seitz spent his first birthday in a pineapple field in Honolulu on the night of Pearl Harbour — Mrs Seitz never left South Carolina until she was 18 and then only ventured as far as Sweetbriar College, Virginia, breeding ground of fine young ladies. One day, she was heading across the campus to the library when she saw a group of Yale men, "preppy northerners, very pleased with themselves, surrounded by swooning girls". They were a singing group, and among *them was Ray "Skitch" Seitz;* but the bookish Caroline swept by with her pert little nose in the air.

They did not meet until years later, in Nairobi: he in the diplomatic service, she doing volunteer work with Richard Leakey and his animals, *each then married to* another. Their two families were so close that Caroline is godmother to Seitz's daughter Hillary. After both their marriages ended, Seitz rang the then Mrs Cutler in New York while he was in town with the UN general assembly . . . "It was such a romantic story. *Both of us had read a novel* called *Fifth Business* by Robertson Davies. Our reactions to it were so similar I knew this was the man for me." They were married in 1985, and the bride was at once thrust into hosting dinners for 26, as Seitz became minister at the London embassy. Here *they formed the core of their* London friendships: Philip Ziegler, Victoria Glendinning, Peter Ackroyd, Trevor McDonald, Chris Patten.

Caroline was the only child, after the death of her brother from polio, of adoring parents in the small (and then still segregated) town of Union, South Carolina, where the Civil War was still referred to as "the late unpleasantness". Daddy, a cotton merchant, was a true Southern gentleman. Evenings were spent in quiet contemplation and reading. *Mrs Seitz pictures* her young self as the dungareed Scout in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, always with her nose in a book. She always imagined England through Jane Austen, Henry James and Dorothy L. Sayers and as soon as they arrived here, the Seitzes sought the ambience of the past by staying whenever possible in the ancient follies of the Landmark Trust: Stogursey Castle and Woodspring Priory in Somerset, the Gothic temple in the grounds of Stowe School (with secret serviceman in tow).

Perhaps Mrs Seitz's reputation as a hostess benefited from having no act to follow — her predecessor Jessica Catto was too busy to come to London much — but even so, it takes a special dedication to relish greeting 300 guests, on successive evenings, with genuine shrieks of delight. The Southern belle dictum, "Pretty if you can, but pleasant if it kills you", was a lesson early learnt and although Caroline's college room-mate advised her to stop batting her eyelashes so coquettishly she has never quite renounced the habit. She found the British warm and informal but people do tend to be, when addressed as "sugar"; and both Seitzes hymn our "self-deprecating wit" and made sure that stiff political grandees were leavened with amusing, smoke-addicted guests like Alan Coren and Auberon Waugh.

Caroline Seitz puts on a self-mocking wistful air and says she will never again be able to gaze at a picture on her wall and say, "You know, I don't think the Gainsborough looks quite right over the fireplace". But wait. Since their Washington house is still let, and they cannot bear to subject the dogs to another quarantine if they are — as hints from high places suggest — offered another tempting job in this country, they are staying on in London awhile. Mr Seitz has been asked to write his memoirs. Judging by his speeches alone, these would be wittier than most. But it would be foolhardy to write the last chapter yet.

Published but not damned

The fashion for 'true-life' crime books follows an ancient tradition

The wages of sin, in 1994, are not death, but immortality in literature. Books purporting to be stories of true crime are on the increase, and are threatening to become more popular than traditional crime-fiction.

In the 1940s, Raymond Chandler saluted Dashiell Hammett for giving murder "back to the kind of people that commit it for a reason, not just to provide a corpse". But even Chandler's gritty realism becomes as fanciful as the Miss Marple mysteries when compared with David Canter's *Inside the Mind of the Serial Killer* (HarperCollins), or Brian Masters' *The Shrine of Jeffrey Dahmer* (Hodder).

Reality has learnt to mirror fiction. Newspapers, which have long known that murders sell copies, give murderers spine-tingling names: Albert de Salvo becomes The Boston Strangler, Peter Sutcliffe is The Yorkshire Ripper, Jeffrey Dahmer The Milwaukee Monster. When the criminals already have such lurid sobriquets, accusations that book publishers are sensationalist seem redundant.

Frank Fraser's gruesome account of his life of crime, *Mad Frank*, is packed with familiar underworld names and details of the injuries they sustained at his hands. Fraser told his story to writer James Morton, and his voice is allowed to come through without authorial intrusion. According to Morton, this kind of literature is no recent phenomenon.

"True murder has always fascinated people," he claims. "To see its origins you have to go back to the ballads that were sung about Dick Turpin, and the death-cell confessions of hanged men which were printed and circulated among the public. Before legal aid, the only way to pay your lawyer was often to sell your story to the papers."

Why, though, are these morbid stories popular? Brian Lane, author of *The Encyclopaedia of Serial Killers* (Headline), believes it is because today's murderers appear so normal: "These are not people with claws and furry backs, they look like you or me. People want to know what it is that makes the man next door into someone capable of mass murder." And the morality of publicising these villains? "People are interested in extremes. Like great heroes, murderers do things that most people wouldn't dream of. Whether the end product is good or bad, it is always something that needs explaining. Even now, several books are being written on the killings in Gloucester."

As a murder trial unravels in the media, readers wait for the facts to be collated — and there is a case for saying that such books offer an overview that the dribble of details in the press does not allow.

Recent weeks have seen the publication of a book on the Bulger case, *The Sleep of Innocents* (Century), the more general *Murderous Innocents (Headline)*, which jumps on the same bandwagon and offers 12 stories about children who have killed, and a compilation of interviews entitled *Women who Love Men who Kill* (Virgin).

Do such books help to corrupt the morally vulnerable? "If someone is evil they will do evil things," says Lane. "If you go out and kill tomorrow and they find my encyclopaedia and a copy of *Bambi* in your bedroom, who is to say which drove you to murder? There have been plenty of books on the Second World War but they have not created a third one, have they?"

GILES COREN

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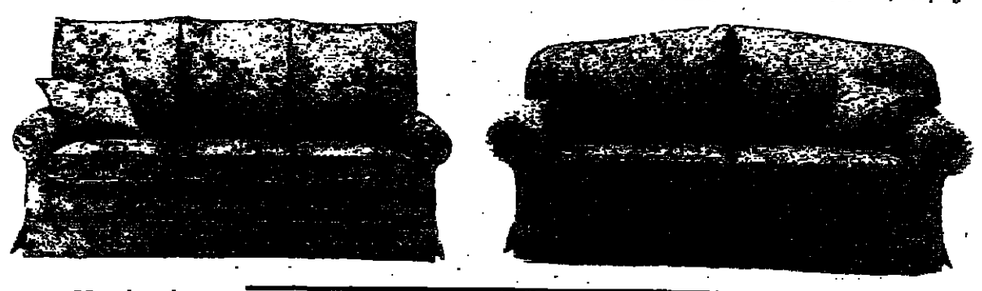
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OPEN ALL OVER THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Philip Howard



■ Tyndale's language of the common man is the bedrock of English literature today

Writers being a cantankerous and jealous mob, the British Library attracts more abuse than it deserves. But only the maddest scribblers are going to abuse the library for wasting more than £1 million on Tyndale's Bible instead of using it to provide more modern resources such as collapsing bookshelves.

All writers stand upon the shoulders of their predecessors, using and developing their language as it has been handed down. William Tyndale is the ghost at the bottom of the pyramid of English language and literature. He introduced the revolutionary notion that the common English spoken by the man in the street is as good as Latin or French or any other "learned" language for expressing profound or poetic thought. He once said to one of his opponents in the ferocious religious controversies of the Reformation: "If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the scripture than thou doest."

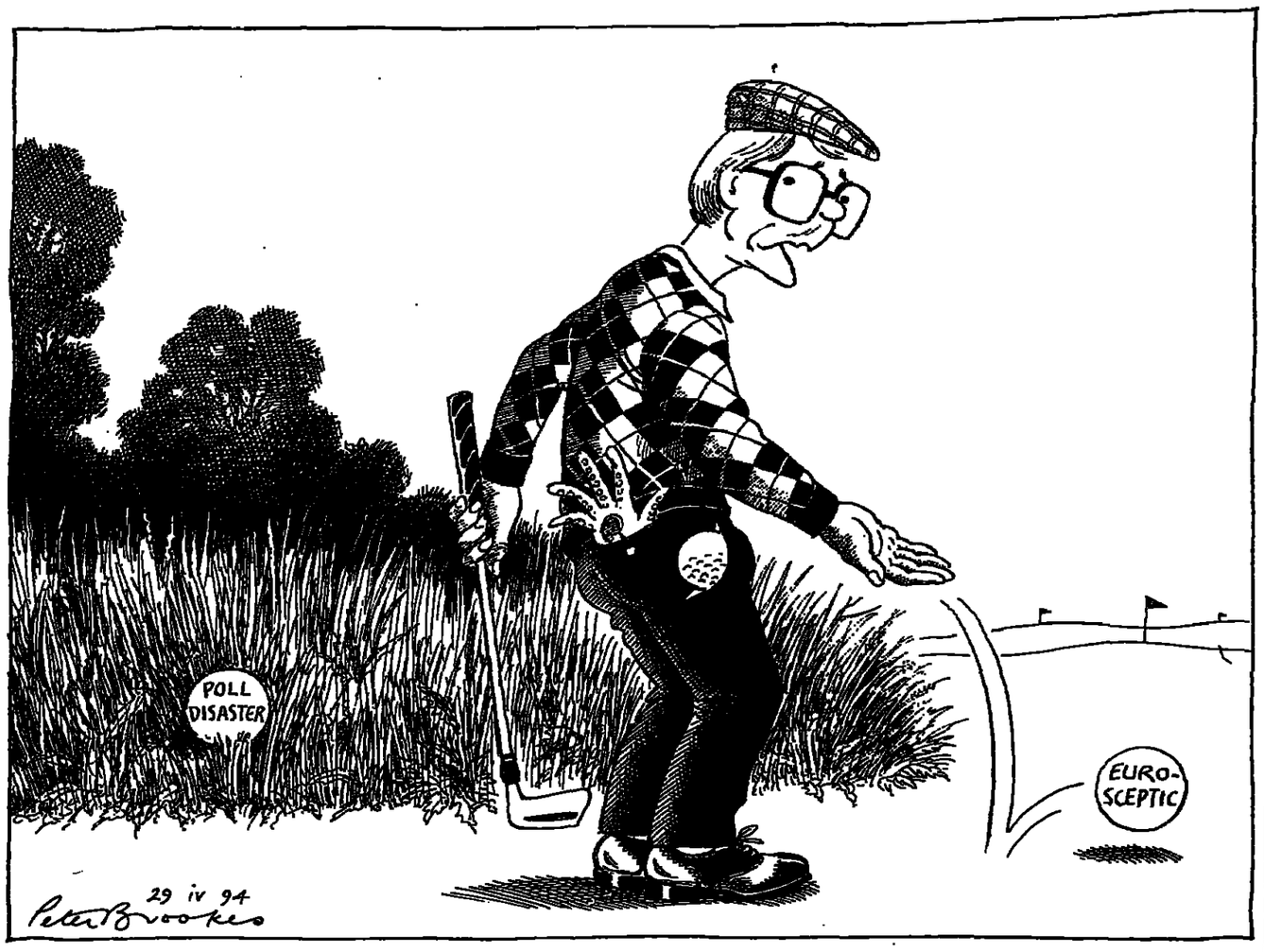
His translations of the New Testament and much of the Old Testament were so vivid that most were adopted without change by the translators of the Authorised Version, and echoed and alluded to by Cranmer and the successive teams who built the Book of Common Prayer. For centuries they were the only literature and poetry that illiterate people heard regularly, every Sunday in church. The family Bible and Prayer Book were the first and often the only books in most English households. Tyndale's words are the bedrock of English literature, and have left their mark on subsequent writers from Shakespeare and Bunyan to Kipling and modern novelists and journalists who try to write the common language of the man in the street. When we are stuck, Tyndale peers over our shoulders and whispers down five centuries: "Simplify, dear boy, at the plough or the keyboard. Use plain words not fancy ones. Cut your mazy sentences in half. Nouns and verbs are the bones of English, not fleshy adjectives or fat Jamesian clauses. Rely on the natural grain and toughness and strength of the oaken language."

Many of Tyndale's phrases are so well known that they sound like proverbs. "Let there be light." "We live and move and have our being." "Fight the good fight." "The salt of the earth." There are thousands more. Tyndale is the originator of more tags in the dictionaries of quotations even than Shakespeare, but the Authorised Version and the Prayer Book take the credit. "The pen is mightier than the sword" sounds pure Tyndale. Actually it was Bulwer-Lytton, for once in his writing life following Tyndale's example of plain and concrete language rather than showing-off.

When the authors of the Authorised Version altered Tyndale, they often weakened his translation. "And the Lord was with Joseph and he was a prosperous man" is Rotaryspeak. Tyndale wrote: "The Lord was with Joseph and he was a luckie felaw." Over the gulf of five centuries, you can hear the voice of the boy at the plough and the plain preacher in his pulpit on College Green, Bristol. In the Authorised Version, the serpent in the Garden of Eden says to Eve: "Ye shall not surely die." There hisses a pompous snake. Tyndale has him say: "Tush ye shall not die." I'll bet that that wonderfully dismissive "tush" from tales of Sunday school was at the back of Shakespeare's mind when he made Horatio say of the ghost: "Tush, tush! 'twill not appear."

The home for such a foundation document of English as the only intact surviving copy of Tyndale's New Testament is the British Library. A team of the brightest and best of English literature is organising the celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of Tyndale's birth in October 1594, ranging from a pilgrimage to the Tyndale monument high on Nibley Knoll in Gloucestershire to a high-powered international conference in Oxford in September.

He was a fiery English scholar who kept the common touch, and died at the stake. We shall celebrate the quincentenary properly this year. But true monument of the invisible man rests not in the British Library or the celebrations, but in the language itself in all its glory.



Sue and be bunkered

Bernard Levin

However noble and good the game, however honourable the golfer's motive, one simple fact is certain: go to court, and the lawyers will win in the end

You wouldn't think, to look at me, that I once played a round of golf, would you? The circumstances are still in my memory, so I might as well recount them now.

In those days — hundreds of years in the past — I was a parliamentary sketchwriter-cum-commentator, which meant that I had to go to all the party conferences — Tory, Labour, Liberal (as it was in those days) and even the TUC.

I measured the horror by venues; the best of them all was Scarborough — a town that knew (I trust still knows) how to treat human beings, for there was a first-class restaurant and hotel, owned by no less a figure than the brother of Charles Laughton. From there, though, it was downward all the way, and the downward was very down indeed. *Bournemouth was dreadful, and I have* no reason to believe that it has ceased to be so; the Isle of Man was, if that place *was* the Isle of Man, no better; but the wooden spoon, year after year, was taken by Blackpool. Until I discovered St Anne's, a more or less civilised place a few miles from the dreaded Blackpool, and commuted, I shuddered at the thought of all those hours in the place, and longed for the moment that the chairman finally banged the gavel that said we could all go home.

Once — the scars on my soul have never fully recovered, but bleed afresh every time I think of it — *all* the four conferences were in Blackpool, and I had to stay something like a month in the place; my hair was then a beautiful nut-brown when I arrived, but by the end it was a grey so deep that several of the ladies refused to run their fingers through it.

One year, when the Labour Party was in conference at Blackpool, they had a closed session, I think to discuss the party's finances, and the press had to leave for the rest of the afternoon. O blessed release! Before I could think about what I might do with the time, a group of my friends announced that they were going to play golf. "But what about me", I cried, "I can't play golf!" Very well, they said, we shall teach you. The outcome was that I went round in 282 strokes, and ruined a pair of brand-new suede shoes. And I vowed never again to touch a golf-club, be it a driver, a putter, a five-iron, a niblick, a mashie or (I think someone was pulling my leg with this one) a sandblaster.

Which, of course, brings me to the sad tale of Mr John Buckingham, and I might as well kick off with my now world-famous apophthegm: "You've never seen a thin lawyer or a fat litigant."

To start with, *how* can anybody cheat at golf? Surely nobody has invented a golf-ball in which is embedded a miniature engine, guaranteed to send *the ball flying for miles before it slows* down and floats onto the greensward? On the other hand, why would anybody want to cheat? If the ball comes to rest just *here*, what would be the difference if instead it had come to rest just *there*? There are, of course, mysteries that I cannot plumb — there is something called "the rough", and something else called "two over par", and a man called a "caddie" (which I always thought was a thing you keep the tea leaves in), but to lay out no less than a quarter of a million oncers to establish what was what and who was who, which was what Mr Buckingham did, is surely coming it a bit too strong.

For that matter, why aren't the holes made bigger? Quite apart from helping short-sighted players, they could make them the size of an upturned dustbin-lid, which would diminish the shocking displays of anger, together with the charges of cheating, and the contestants would get round much more quickly, thus giving them more time to get happily sloshed at what I am told is "the 19th hole".

But it is when I see a headline reading "When golf becomes a matter of honour", I begin to twitch in a rather unpleasant manner, realising as I do that the the matter of honour usually concerns nothing more then a bunch of idiots getting themselves at best stinking colds, and at worst severe rheumatism, by wading into wet grass two feet high, solely to go wandering about with no better purpose than to whack a ridiculous white ball with an equally ridiculous bent stick.

I ask the world again, for the thousandth time, knowing that I shall never get an answer: *why* don't we all get together, agree that what we are quarrelling about is not worth the effort, *and starve all the lawyers to death?* Here, for instance, is poor Mr Buckingham (well, actually rich Mr Buckingham), jabbering about honour on the golf course, when the lawyers — who, I assure you, are just as amazed at the suckers — have mopped up the money.

Honour? In whacking a little white ball about? Falstaff had the right idea about *that*, and it is a shame that Mr Buckingham is not as well acquainted with the Bard as he might be. If he was (or if he was familiar with Verdi, who set the passage wonderfully) he would say:

> "Well 'tis no matter; honour pricks me on. Yea, but how if honour prick me off when I come on? how then? Can honour set to a leg? no: or an arm? no: or take away the grief of a wound? no. Honour hath no skill in surgery, then? no. What is honour? a word. What is that word, honour? air. A trim reckoning! — Who hath it? he that died o' Wednesday. Doth he feel it? no. Doth he hear it? no. It is insensible, then? yea, to the dead. But will it not live with the living? no. Why? detraction will not suffer it: — therefore, I'll none of it: honour is a mere scutcheon: — and so ends my catechism."

But apart from starving the lawyers, they are surely in some measure to blame here, unless Mr Buckingham is so monumentally stubborn that he had rejected the very distinguished (not to say expensive) lawyers must have given him. Mind you, the lawyers don't really need to talk like that — "like that" being what Mr Milmo, for the plaintiff, came out with, viz: "If your evidence is correct this was just about the most blatant piece of cheating in golf that has ever happened", nor does Mr Hartley, who was for both Mr Rusk and Mr Dove, need to say that "Goldfinger was one of the richest men in the world, and it does not matter how much money you have if you are cheating at golf. For some people it is the winning above anything else." No doubt the bystanders could not join in at that point, but at least the judge could have thrown a jug of water over both of them.

I find it difficult to imagine any *circumstances which might lead me to* sue anybody for libel, or indeed for anything. True, I have an opportunity in my column to give as good as I get and, I flatter myself, a good deal more. But it is the sheer absurdity of libel actions above the level of a butcher who is said to sell poisoned meat that first me gives giggles and then causes me to throw up. This ridiculous case should never have come to court for a number of reasons, but one of these stands out, and it is the one that stands out in every libel case.

Today, most libel cases are for nothing but gain; so crazy have juries become that libel has turned into an open-cast goldmine. But, as I said, there are a few genuine cases, people who go to law not to scoop the jackpot but for honourable though misguised reasons, and Mr Buckingham's *seems to be one of them.* He sued, not for money but for his reputation, but what he did not know, and what all those innocents who want to prove their innocence do not know, *is that those who sue for honour, find their honour run through the mire.*

It should not be so. But it is. In a year or two, possibly much less, anyone who remembers the Buckingham libel action will be immovably certain that there was a Mr Buckingham who cheated at golf and for good measure robbed the blind man on the corner of his matches. Mr Buckingham has done neither, and would not do either, but the crooked tongue of distance shouts louder than the whispers of the sweetness of the truth. For those who treasure their unstained escutcheon, the first rule of going to law must be: don't.

No turning back the Euro tide

Alan Sked on why the Euro-sceptics cannot hope to win

The political world yesterday awoke to one newspaper story claiming that John Major had a "master plan" to save his skin and that of his party by threatening to leave the European Union in 1996 if it continued to pursue the path to true federal union. Other papers had it that the Euro-sceptics within the Conservative Party would force the Prime Minister to such a conclusion even before negotiations started in 1996 over the post-Maastricht intergovernmental conference.

Downing Street quickly rejected all speculation. Given this degree of spinelessness, no wonder one official described the story of Mr Major's "master plan" as "24-carat bosh". Clearly, it had been planted by the party's disorientated band of Euro-sceptics who, having given Mr Major a vote of confidence after the Maastricht debate, have been at a loss to know what to do ever since.

The real significance of the story, however, is to confirm that tensions over Europe will very soon tear the Conservative Party apart. The sad fact is that while the majority of the Cabinet would be happy to be part of a federal Europe, the the vast majority of the British public and a large number of Tory voters and party members will not wear it. The latter now face a dilemma: they have to choose between party and country. The men of Maastricht have left them no other option.

But the Euro-sceptics within the Tory Party are simply deluding themselves. If such a plan had indeed existed, the outcome in 1996 would not be our withdrawal from Europe, but merely a repeat of the Maastricht negotiations: a lot of bluff and bluster, tedious negotiations, cosmetic concessions, and a public relations triumph for Mr Major. There would be another treaty, which nobody in Parliament or the Cabinet would read, the Tory Party in Parliament would rally around and the Euro-rebels would once more give their vote of confidence to Mr Major. Whatever the terms, the looming general election would keep them quiet, although the party would be annihilated at the polls.

The Tory Party is the party of Europe. It took us in under Edward Heath, gave us the Single European Act under Margaret Thatcher, took us into the ERM under her leadership also, and under her chosen successor, Mr Major, told us it would be a betrayal to leave. If the political sky is now black with chickens coming home to roost, the Tories have only themselves to blame.

The party remains, however, strongly in the grips of the Euro-federalists. It was taken over by them when Harold Macmillan became Prime Minister in 1957. Since then, a veritable apostolic succession has kept it in line: Heath, Douglas-Home, Howe, Hurd and now Major, much about whose early career, political beliefs and so on remain obscure. Baroness Thatcher was the exception, although at first she, too, was happy to support the established viewpoint. When finally she began to see the truth, she had to be removed.

I cannot imagine that having achieved so much within the Conservative Party, the federalists will give up without the most ferocious struggle. They will frighten all the tiny Tory tots with nightmare stories about isolation, complain about how much worse their Labour or Liberal opponents will be, this despite record deficits, record tax increases and two recessions, not to mention the all-party agreement to take provincial status in Europe.

The truth is, politically and economically, we do not fit in to Europe. Our traditions are different. Most of our *overseas investments, our invisible* and (since December) our visible exports go elsewhere. Nobody in Britain wants to be ruled from Brussels. Our economic record since we joined the European Community has been a disaster, with it serving merely as a means to transfer billions of pounds which should have been spent at home — and which were desperately needed at home — to our competitors.

Yesterday's story was such a fascinating one because, quite without meaning to, it demonstrated that behind the façade of even Establishment "Euro-scepticism", the real desire is no longer to tinker with "opt-outs" and the like, but a determination to break free. More and more, as the European Union develops into a bureaucratic nightmare, a top-heavy, corporatist dinosaur, the growing desire of the public is simply to have done with it.

The clear wish of the British people is to rule themselves. This is a perfectly natural, liberal and democratic one. We cannot see why it should be refused. Yet the Liberal Democratic and Labour parties are adamant that we can no longer be an independent people. Labour wants a Socialist United States of Europe, while anything with Euro- in front of it brings automatic Liberal approval. To them, all men are the same, no matter what their histories, literatures, politics or cultures. The Tories have been solidly in the federalist camp for almost 40 years. One of them, Edwina Currie, my opponent in the Euro-elections in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes, is even trying to desert the sinking British parliamentary ship by swimming off to Strasbourg. There is no hope of the Euro-sceptics defeating these people. Only the UK Independence Party can do that.

● *The author is leader of the UK Independence Party*

Off with his head

YESTERDAY'S letters page clearly proved that some Old Etonians welcome the outing of their former Head Master, Anthony Chenevix-Trench, *as a man rather overfond* of the lash. Others, however, are privately beginning to round on Tim Card, for dishing the dirt in such a well, distinctly un-OE way.

Card, the school's vice-provost, is the third to have attempted the book. In 1984, David Macindoe, then vice-provost, and Archie Nicholson, a retired housemaster, were authorised by the school to write an official history. Both, however, died soon after. Card was chosen to complete the task.

It is partly because of the diplomatic qualities of his predecessors that Card's "warts and all" approach is being judged so harshly, particularly by his peers. Peter Lawrence, a housemaster at Eton from 1958 to 1968, says with typical Etonian reserve: "I remember Tim Card as a perfectly satisfactory colleague. I was rather surprised that he should write this."

Another who served under Chenevix-Trench agrees: "It's curious, to say the least. I do not think *that either* David Macindoe or Archie Nicholson would have dealt with it like this."

Nor, very nearly, did Card. Until 1991, he planned to stop the book at 1963, the year Chenevix-Trench became Head Master. He changed his mind on learning that *another writer was planning a* biography. He says: "I am sorry for the family, but it would not have been sensible to skate over the facts. I have only told the truth."

● *SOMEONE seems to have a sense of humour. Journalists telephoning the Iranian Embassy yesterday for information on the alleged funding links with the IRA were promptly put on hold — only to be regaled by the electronic refrains of a something sounding suspiciously like* Sweet Molly Malone.

Money talk

THE Tory leadership may be adrift on matters European, but Sir Leon Brittan, author and vice-president of the European Commission, is in no doubt. As guest of honour at yesterday's Foyles literary luncheon held in the Grosvenor House Hotel he was quite happy to hold forth on the prospect of a single currency by the year 2000. "Our partners are quite determined, you know."

Less positve omens, however, emanate from the Bank of England, which hardly seems to be embracing the spirit of European unity for its tercentenary celebrations this summer. The bank has just ordered 300 cases of wine to mark the occasion — from Australia.

Honours Zeven

WHILE many of the affluent white community in South Africa have managed to combine voting with a spot of fishing or game-spotting, *the truly chic place for Jo*hannesburg residents to cast their vote has been the black squatter camp at Zevenfontein.

A veritable procession of Mercedes and BMWs has trundled into the camp, steered not by the new-found liberal credentials of their drivers — but by rumours that the queues were shorter. The integration process has gone surprisingly well — with picnic hampers and sun umbrellas much in evidence, together with local camp entrepreneurs who have lost no time in selling their visitors fruit and cold drinks. "We will look after them," one youthful trader said. "*But the next thing you know* they will want to come and move in next door to us."

● *THE democratic process, however, has not been entirely smooth. One elderly woman was seen entering her polling station muttering repeatedly to herself, "DP... DP... DP". Her chant continued inside, much to the annoyance of an electoral monitor. "Madam, I must ask you to be quiet as you are unfairly influencing others." She fixed him with impressive stare. "Sir, at my age if I cannot say Democratic Party out loud, I'll forget who to vote for."*

Bantam weight

AT HIS Berkeley Square *soirée* on *Wednesday night to promote his* new book, *The Fist of God*, thriller writer Frederick Forsyth appeared to be having a spot of bother with Saddam Hussein.

Not that smooth-talking chap from Baghdad, of course, but a lookalike helpfully laid on for the evening by Forsyth's publisher, Bantam. Or a look-not-very-like as it turned out.

Tony Lusion confessed his impersonation was not all that it might be, despite the full Saddam kit of moustache, beret, fatigues and a chestful of medals. "Unfortunately the weight has just dropped off me this year," he sighs. "*It looks like I'm doing myself out of a useful sideline* — but then nobody's seen the real Hussein for some time have they?"

Cash in hand

THE QUIET groves of academe in St John's, Cambridge, are to be rudely disturbed by the college's plans to break with university tradition and remain open to tourists — just as its students prepare for their summer exams.

All Cambridge colleges traditionally close for a month before exams but St John's plans to be the exception this year. Diligent students are outraged, claiming that the college wants to remain open to make sure of £5,000 in entrance fees. Nonsense, retorts Ray Jobling, the Senior Tutor in today's *Varsity*. "It's certainly not been done to raise revenue."



Midnight thrash

AS OLD Etonians continue to flog over the merits of flogging, filming *has just finished on A Feast At Midnight*, a British film set in a prep school. Despite the fact that the 72-year-old Christopher Lee, who plays a ferocious Latin teacher, is an OE, the producers decided against including beating.

Producer Yoshi Nishio explains: "Christopher would have had his fair share of the cane in his day, but our film is set in the 1990s. Whenever his arm goes up to beat a boy, in comes the headmaster, Robert Hardy, to save the day."

● *Clive Sinclair's ill-fated C5 electric tricycle is finally in fashion. A 1989 model is to be auctioned alongside Alfa Romeos and Aston Martins next month at Coy's, the west London car auctioneers. Expected to fetch £1,000, the C5 boasts seat and headrest cushions, mirrors and a horn. "I know a chap who bought ten," insists Peter Routledge, sales manager.*

STATE OF TERROR

A tougher policy to contain Iran is urgently needed

The Islamic Republic of Iran has never made a secret of its political support for the IRA: near the British embassy in Tehran, Churchill Street has been pointedly renamed after an IRA hunger striker, Bobby Sands. But Iran has no rational interest in trying to finance or arm the IRA. Corruption and incompetence have shattered its modern economy. With foreign debts of $30 billion, it needs Western credits and technology. The clandestine contacts between Iranian intelligence agents and the IRA to offer money and arms, made public yesterday by the Foreign Office, are thus further proof of the untamed aggressiveness of Iran's revolution.

President Rafsanjani, a man Western diplomats prefer to believe a closet moderate, has been losing the domestic power struggle. He has seen his plans for economic reforms blocked and his power in the parliament clipped. The offer to the IRA is likely to be part of his campaign to strike back by bolstering his revolutionary credentials at home against hardline Islamic ideologues, for whom *jihad* against the "City of War" — a religious duty under the Islamic constitution — takes absolute priority over the wellbeing of Iran's harassed and increasingly impoverished people.

The triumph of hope over experience has marked European handling of Iran ever since Ayatollah Khomeini died in 1989. The *fatwa* against Salman Rushdie remains in force. Iranian agents, including a nephew of President Rafsanjani, have assassinated at least 60 of the regime's opponents in exile, many of them refugees in Western countries. Intelligence experts put the value of Iran's bankrolling of fundamentalist terrorism in Sudan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Israel, the Maghreb and even distant Zambia at £330 million a year.

Yet the mirage of a new "pragmatic" Iran lingers. Britain has been tougher in dealing with Iran than France, which has handed back Iranian terrorists, or Germany, which to Britain's fury openly fêted the head of Iranian intelligence last October although German prosecutors believe him to be implicated in the political assassinations.

But Britain has worked hard at restoring diplomatic links: and the view even now seems to be that it will suffice to rebuke the Iranians publicly for their dealings with the IRA and demand that they cease forthwith.

This merely plays the Iranian regime's game: the publicity will be welcome. But anything more drastic might put at risk an annual £297 million worth of British exports. These include exports of dual-use technology, for which licences have been issued despite Iran's huge programme of weapons purchases, including ballistic and cruise missiles and submarines, and evidence that it is actively seeking to develop nuclear and more sophisticated chemical weapons. Germany and France are fighting even harder to build up their shares in this lucrative market: in Germany's case, the trade is financed by generous loans.

The Americans, whose companies have also been involved in high-technology exports, have been urging for some months that the parallels with Iraq in the 1980s dictate a new and much tougher joint strategy. They are right: Iran, like Iraq, is an unstable regime, heavily reliant on domestic repression: its jails hold at least 19,000 political prisoners. It is fomenting terror throughout the Middle East and beyond; and it may be almost as close as North Korea, with which it is actively trading, to developing nuclear weapons. It has become a greater threat to peace than defeated Iraq.

But Iran is more vulnerable to international pressures than Iraq was in the 1980s. Its oil revenues, 85 per cent of export earnings, fell by a fifth last year. With the average industrial wage now no higher than £32 a month, there is deep popular discontent: even to maintain living standards, it needs urgently to reschedule $8 billion of debt, principally owed to Germany. That should be denied, and no more loans or export credits should be issued. A ban on high-technology exports should go into force until Iran has clearly abandoned its nuclear ambitions and stopped financing terror. The lessons of Iraq should be applied in dealing with the Ayatollah's malign republic.

BROKEN TABOO

Membership of the European Union is being questioned again

A great taboo of British political debate is ending. Rumours that the Prime Minister himself is starting to question the benefits of European Union membership may be exaggerated. But there are more open murmurs on his backbenches — not just from those MPs who have always opposed membership, but also from those who feel that the club they joined in the 1970s is not one they would willingly join today.

The referendum of 1975 succeeded in putting to rest the question of British membership of the EC for nearly two decades. Those few MPs from both parties who continued to call for withdrawal were dismissed as cranks. The economic argument in favour of membership was undisputed and rarely needed making.

But since the inter-governmental conference (IGC) that led to the Maastricht treaty, Tories, in Westminster and throughout the constituencies, have begun to worry that the balance of gains and losses has shifted. Even now, few believe that the costs outweigh the benefits, but some are articulating fears that, if the 1996 IGC leads to an even more federal Europe, the scales will tip. One former minister floated the thought yesterday that a further referendum might then be required.

We have argued before that John Major would be wise to nudge his party's European elections manifesto in the Euro-sceptical direction. The case for that is strengthening; the manifesto could hardly include a referendum, but it could set out a vision for the future of Europe that is absolutely distinct from those of the opposition parties. There are many Tory MPs who supported the Government over Maastricht with great reservations. When they saw how hollow was Mr Major's pledge that Europe was moving in Britain's direction, they felt betrayed. The row over qualified majority voting has merely toughened their resolve. They simply do not like the way in which Europe is evolving. The Tory centre is rapidly moving towards a pragmatic, rather than ideological, Euro-sceptic stance.

It would be counterproductive for Britain to brandish the threat of a referendum at its European partners in order to persuade them to adopt the commonsense view of Europe that this country supports. But if the government is to use quiet argument to win allies to Britain's side, it must actively start to do so. Britain's is not the only government to realise that the goal of ever greater union entails losing support among their voters.

If the core members of the EU are still determined to integrate further, they must accept that the countries of Europe will have to move at different speeds. In some spheres, they already do. Mr Major does not have to offer another referendum on membership to appease the sceptics in his party; he merely has to refuse to join in any development that does not suit Britain's interests. Membership of the EU does not have to be an all-or-nothing affair.

REG VIR DIE TOEKOMS

Afrikaans will not end with apartheid

With the end of apartheid and the *ancien régime*, it might seem to follow that Afrikaans — the "language of oppression" in South Africa — is endangered. Yet talk of its impending death is greatly exaggerated. The language, whose imposition on black schoolchildren ignited Soweto in 1976, is full of life and *reg vir die toekoms* — ready for the future. It is not suggested that political change will leave it unaffected. On the contrary, there are signs that it might soon become the Cinderella of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. But Afrikaans, as sturdy as it is lyrical, should survive the shrinking of such state patronage. It is, after all, the living language of millions.

It is easy to caricature Afrikaans as the language of intolerance. Yet there is no truthful "identikit" picture of an Afrikaans speaker: Eugene Terre'Blanche speaks it, but so does Carl Niehaus, the chief spokesman of the African National Congress. Crucially, there are as many Coloured South Africans — three million — who speak it as their first language as there are whites. Not many now remember that its earliest texts were produced for the Muslim religious instruction of Cape Malays.

Yet the legacy of apartheid bears down on the language. For many blacks, who regard it as apartheid's scalpel, Afrikaans has a bitter sound: they associate Afrikaans with the National Party of old. Ironically, English became their language of resistance: in another age, discrimination against the Dutch by British colonial authorities nourished the growth of Afrikaans as totem and tongue.

It is a fertile tongue, more so even than South African English. The language owes a debt to the poet van Wyk Louw, whose refinement of Afrikaans to a degree unknown before him was a rich foundation for those who followed: André Brink, in his treatment of Afrikaner history and morality; Etienne Le Roux's ingenious development of the language's satirical traditions; and Breyten Breytenbach, who steeped his poems in both love and political aggression.

Afrikaans literature has influenced political opinion in no small measure: the Coloured poet, Adam Small — recently awarded the order of merit by President de Klerk — moved the country with *Kitaar my Kruis*, on the pain of his penumbral people. More recently, Elsa Joubert's *Travels of Poppie Nongena* brought the life and travails of her Xhosa maid into the Afrikaner consciousness. Even the former President Botha is thought to have been moved by it.

Paradoxically, the end of apartheid has not only enfranchised the country's majority, it has liberated Afrikaans as well. Its speakers are no longer friendless, the language no more a pariah. Cultural and academic exchanges, long avoided by "cousins" in Brussels and The Hague, gather pace. And the country's Coloureds, bound to Afrikaans-speaking whites by ties of language and religion — yet stricken for long by a sense of wounded dignity — can share the sovereignty of their tongue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Democrats' role in the new Europe

From the Director of the European Movement (UK)

Sir, If William Rees-Mogg (article, April 25) believes that the debate in the 1996 review of European Union institutions is between *l'Europe des Nations* and *l'Europe des Bureaucrates* he is mistaken. There is a third option: *l'Europe des Démocrates*.

The issue is not about giving increasing responsibilities or powers to the Union's institutions. The challenge is how to make the Union's institutions more open, more accountable and more democratic. In this there should be enhanced roles for national parliaments and the European Parliament.

The first objective is to bring the Council of Ministers back into democratic control. Passing laws in secret without publishing agenda, minutes or voting records means that national parliaments cannot control what their representatives, our ministers, are doing there. Worse still, many of these decisions are agreed in advance by national civil servants meeting in Brussels committees. It is these bureaucrats who dominate the European Union, not those of the European Commission. The only way this process can be controlled by national parliaments is for the Council, when making legislation, to meet in public: at the very least it should publish minutes and voting records.

Secondly, European legislation needs effective line-by-line scrutiny. Only one body can achieve this: the European Parliament. The principle that the Parliament and Council should make European laws together and should scrutinise the budget needs to be applied consistently following the 1996 review.

Thirdly, the Commission should be democratically accountable for its actions and policies. The best way to achieve this is for the only pan-European election to determine the complexion of the Commission. The European Parliament should, therefore, elect the Commission President and the other commissioners, subject to ratification by the Council.

It is not very helpful for William Rees-Mogg, like a 19th-century general, to continue to fight a war that is already over. So the real battle is whether the 1996 review will leave the current institutions untouched or ensure they operate according to principles of parliamentary democracy.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN WOODARD,
Director, European Movement (United Kingdom),
158 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
April 26.

Crime and punishment

From Dr J. F. Harper

Sir, No one would doubt that in crime-ridden Britain the deterrent effect of caning seems an attractive option (letters, April 27) but it is the *nature* of corporal punishment in Singapore which should be at issue.

The use of what I understand from reports to be a half-inch thick 4 ft rattan cane on bare flesh is designed to cause pain and to elicit permanent physical injury. It is excessively harsh, and I hope the Singapore authorities can be persuaded at least to modify the punishment.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. HARPER
12 Grenville Place, SW7.
April 27.

From Dr G. G. Hill

Sir, A detective superintendent has expressed concern that some people are unwilling to help police under attack or to provide information (report, April 26). One has every sympathy with the police. However, in the same issue (later editions) it is reported that a businessman who chased and apprehended two suspected thieves could possibly be charged by the police with abduction.

Several citizens have been charged and tried (sometimes acquitted) for having defended their property, despite the manifest inability of the police to do so. The police frown on vigilante organisations, but if they are unable to defend the public they should not object if the public defend themselves.

Yours faithfully,
G. G. HILL,
20 Bridgewater Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
April 26.

Pensions pay-out

From Mr Leonard Feltham

Sir, Mr Edward Pool is wrong when he says (letter, April 18) that war disablement pensions are graded by rank. A letter to me last year from the War Pensions Directorate states: "With effect from April 1993 rank allowances for war disablement pensions have been abolished. This means that the same rate of pension will be paid for the same degree of disablement, regardless of rank."

I do agree that this is a far more equitable arrangement.

Yours faithfully,
L. W. FELTHAM,
28 Dryburgh Road, Putney, SW15.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Balancing the picture of Eton head

From Mr Christopher Hourmouzios

Sir, The article and letters in today's paper about my old Bradfield College headmaster, Mr Anthony Chenevix-Trench, have painted him too black or too white, respectively, with not enough grey to complete the whole portrait.

Chenevix-Trench did beat pupils. He once flogged the living daylights out of me with a strap on my bare backside, and my brother tells me that the "headman", as we called Trench, once beat him and a whole divinity class of more than 20 boys one afternoon!

However, this rather Victorian figure who believed in the value of corporal punishment, was the same man who abolished boxing at Bradfield, and later at Eton; who was a fine teacher — he taught me Latin, just as he had his fellow PoWs after being captured by the Japanese in the Second World War; and who launched a modern, progressive appeal for new college buildings and facilities.

While his Mr Hyde aspect is easy to remember, we should not forget the Dr Jekyll part of his character.

Yours faithfully,
C. HOURMOUZIOS
(Bradfield College, 1959-63),
143 Hurlingham Road, Fulham SW6.
April 28.

From Mr Hew Balfour

Sir, History and your front page of April 26 have treated Anthony Chenevix-Trench unkindly. As a "praepostor" at Eton for much of the year 1969, I cannot recall him beating anybody.

The 101 Etonians who have been accepted for conditional places at Oxbridge in the coming year owe him much. He should be remembered for the quiet revolution he pioneered which brought the concept of academic success to the forefront of Eton's agenda, while maintaining many of the excellent features and traditions of Eton life.

Yours faithfully,
HEW BALFOUR
(Eton College, 1965-69),
Ruchlaw House, Stenton,
Dunbar, East Lothian.

From Dr Maurice Lipsedge

Sir, The letters in nostalgic defence of flogging and the alleged enhanced respect for cane-wielding schoolmasters confirm my view that both judicial and scholastic corporal punishment are the institutionalised sanctioning of a private perversion. Is it surprising that the French refer to sadomasochism as *le vice anglais*?

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE LIPSEDGE,
Guy's Hospital,
Lewisham and Guy's Mental Health Trust,
St Thomas' Street, SE1.

From the Reverend S. Bloxam-Rose

Sir, How exactly does one flog "with great courtesy" (Mr Rupert White's letter, April 28)?

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BLOXAM-ROSE (Chaplain),
Aldenham School,
Elstree, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Jeffrey Evans

Sir, In today's edition, over a quarter of all published letters to the Editor are given over to the habits, seamy or otherwise, of a deceased schoolmaster. A sad reflection on your priorities!

Yours etc,
JEFFREY EVANS
(Bishophalt Grammar, Hillingdon, 1957-64),
71 Stradella Road, SE24.
April 28.

Flaws in the NHS

From Mrs Wilhelmina Harlow

Sir, The NHS may well be "the envy of health policymakers the world over" (Mr Daniel Chisholm's letter, April 23) but, as a struggling (I use the word advisedly) NHS dentist trying to support a young family, I can assure him that NHS dental care is not now, and probably never will be, "free at the point of consumption".

Furthermore, fees have been cut to a level where it may become uneconomic for dental practitioners to devote time to achieving the standard of materials and care which they were trained to provide for patients.

In my own experience, NHS care providers and others are only too aware of the need for *rationing*, but also recognise the desire of some politicians not simply to target care effectively but actually to erode — gradually, creepingly and insidiously — the foundations of the service. What has happened in dentistry could happen to other parts of the NHS.

Yours faithfully,
WILHELMINA HARLOW,
Sandpipers, Sand Lane,
Northill, Bedfordshire.

From Dr P. M. Vicary

Sir, I am amazed by the temerity of Mr Chisholm's claim that healthcare comes "free at the point of consumption".

Reluctance by the patient to pay the compulsory charge for eye testing can lead to failure to pick up early-treatable eye conditions, especially glaucoma, and a number of general medical conditions, such as diabetes and raised blood pressure; then payment has to be made for spectacles.

Reluctance to pay for the inspection of teeth can lead to further dental decay; payment has then to be made for dental treatment.

Reluctance to pay prescription charges leads to patients with several items prescribed asking which are the important ones.

At election time I shall vote for whichever party abolishes NHS charges, even if this does mean an increase in income tax.

Yours faithfully,
P. M. VICARY,
The Orchard,
1a Churchfields Avenue,
Weybridge, Surrey.
April 23.

C&G reflections

From Mrs J. D. Nesbit

Sir, If the mooted Lloyds Bank takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society (reports, April 22, 23) goes ahead payment will be made to the first-named account-holder. I do not know of anyone who holds an account in the names of Mrs and Mr ...

Yours faithfully,
J. D. NESBIT,
42 Carrant Road,
Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.
April 23.

From Mrs Avril Fox

Sir, The Lloyds-Cheltenham & Gloucester takeover has had a surprising effect, which I experienced at two dinner parties over the weekend. Starting with merry quips about who was clever enough to have money or a mortgage with the C&G, it became acceptable to talk about personal money, a subject which has always been taboo on such occasions until now.

At a family gathering, also during the weekend, my son said he had yet to find anyone who had contact with the C&G. When my husband said I had, my son said warmly: "Well done, Mum." For a second I thought I had done something clever.

Yours faithfully,
AVRIL FOX,
126 Edgwarebury Lane,
Edgware, Middlesex.
April 25.

From Sir Duncan Watson

Sir, You report (April 22) that "C&G will take on responsibility for all Lloyds' new UK residential mortgage business, though the products will be branded separately".

What goods, pray, does any bank or building society produce, let alone with a brand name? Or shall I soon be asking my bank cashier for a tube of Barclays toothpaste?

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN WATSON,
Sconce, Steels Lane, Oxshott, Surrey.
April 22.

Lost to gallantry

From Lieutenant Colonel P. J. Haldane (retd)

Sir, Your report (April 26) makes much of Corporal Paul Dobson's winning of the Military Cross in Bosnia as the first such award "outside officer ranks", but it was always open to warrant officers and was won by many.

The Military Medal and certainly the Distinguished Conduct Medal were arguably more highly regarded in the army than the MC because of their comparative rarity and the perceived difficulty of an award.

This stemmed from the belief that the necessary witness to an event would perhaps be admitting that the recipient, a man of lower rank, had displayed more courage and initiative than he. Both the MM and the DCM were highly prized, despite the cynicism of soldiers of 1914-15 (when the MC and the MM were founded) that the MM, which was not accompanied by the award of a pension, had been thought up by politicians to avoid giving too many DCMs (which were).

The foolish and thoughtless move to create common gallantry awards for all ranks has deprived soldiers and non-commissioned officers of two decorations that were open only to them and highly regarded precisely because of that. How much more distinguished an officer with a decoration clearly won during his time "in the ranks".

Yours,
PAUL HALDANE,
Walnut Tree House,
Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex.
April 26.

From Mr Lester May

Sir, Now that all ranks can be honoured with the MBE, whether commissioned or not, surely it is time to change another of those "them and us" phrases? I, for one, would be happy to receive a pension from HM Forces rather than "retired pay".

Yours faithfully,
LESTER MAY,
24 Reachview Court,
Camden Town, NW1.
St George's Day.

Sale of Tyndale's Bible questioned

From the Reverend Canon R. J. Halliburton

Sir, It is in many ways much to be welcomed that one of the two extant first editions of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament should have come into the possession of the British Museum and will now be available for consultation and occasional exhibition (report and photograph, April 27). The translation is the work of a dedicated scholar who ultimately gave his life for his cause and endowed the English-speaking world with a cultural and literary treasure which has never since ceased to be the admiration and delight of generations of Christians and non-Christians alike.

What appals me, as chief librarian of St Paul's Cathedral and custodian of the only other extant first (though incomplete) edition, is that this transaction with the British Museum should have been made for money. The Tyndale New Testament is part of our national heritage, not an artifact privately owned and therefore to be sold to raise funds.

If the Baptist College at Bristol is unable to conserve its unique treasure in suitable conditions and to the advantage of scholars it ought to offer it on permanent loan to the British Museum without price.

All of us who have the trusteeship of valuable collections of unique books could solve our institutional financial problems by the sale of our collection. But this would be a betrayal of trust, a deprivation to scholars and a denial of our heritage.

I remain, yours faithfully,
JOHN HALLIBURTON,
1 Amen Court, EC4.
April 26.

A common vision

From the Reverend Eric Woods

Sir, The Bishop of Bristol, Dr Rogerson, under whom it was my privilege to serve as an incumbent for eight years, and as one of his rural deans for five, remains very much the leader of his diocese (letters, April 9, 13, 20). He has a gift for inspiring his clergy and people whilst paying them the compliment of consultation and delegation.

I am sad that this is not a model of leadership which the Reverend Dr Brian Thomas Swynnerton [see also letter, April 28] appears to understand, but both in Church and State it is the model we need. It is about speaking with authority rather than being authoritarian. There is an important difference.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC WOODS,
The Vicarage, Abbey Close,
Sherborne, Dorset.
April 21.

Dogs and kings

From Mrs M. L. E. Wood

Sir, The Prince of Wales is not the first of the royal line to advertise for a lost dog (report, later editions, April 21; letter, April 23). Charles II, in the *Mercurius Publicus*, did so — more plaintively and with more detail along the following lines:

We must call upon you for a black dog, in breed betwixt a greyhound and a spaniel, no white about him, only a streak on his breast, and his tail a little bobbed. It is his Majesty's own dog and doubtless was stolen, for the dog was not born or bred in England and would never forsake his master. Will they never leave robbing his Majesty? Must he not keep a dog? The dog's place is the only one about the court that nobody begs for.

There is such a personal ring about this that I have no doubt that King Charles penned it himself.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET WOOD,
33 Park Farm, Bourton on the Water, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
April 24.

Women at work

From Mr D. S. Norton

Sir, How clever for Britain's first "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" (letters, April 26, 28) to take place during term time.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NORTON,
Norton Partners
(Chartered accountants),
The Granary, Tickenham Court, Tickenham, Bristol, Avon.
April 28.

Light green fingers

From Mr Keith M. Taylor

Sir, Nowhere is immune to the garden cuttings snipper (letters, April 28).

Some years ago, towards the end of a Buckingham Palace garden party, my wife and I wandered away to admire the herbaceous borders. A rather furtive-looking lady preceded us and suddenly darted into the border brandishing secateurs which she produced from her handbag. As she was about to snip the chosen object, a gardener suddenly stood up amongst the luxuriant plants and politely enquired: "Good afternoon, Madam, may I help you?" The lady beat a hasty retreat.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH TAYLOR,
87 Talbot Road, W2.
April 28.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 28: Miss Sophie Willis-Fleming was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen this afternoon visited Windsor Boys' School, 1 Maidenhead Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson), the Chairman of the Governors (Mrs Alison Thomson), the Headmaster (Mr Peter Blake) and the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor Michael Scott).

Her Majesty toured the school, escorted by the Headmaster, before opening the new extension and unveiling a commemorative plaque.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended the Award's Diary Event at St James's Palace.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited Winton Group Riding for the Disabled, Broomhill Stables, Fergushill, Kilwinning, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Ayrshire and Arran (Major Richard Henderson).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Glasgow Hilton and was received by Colonel Robert Gray (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, later attended the Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1.

ST JAMES' PALACE
April 28: The Prince of Wales this morning opened a new printing line at the Nyomda Revai Factory, Budapest.

His Royal Highness afterwards called on His Excellency Mr Beter Boros (Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary) and attended a Reception with members of the British community.

The Prince of Wales later opened an enterprise project for small businesses in Kecskemet and attended a Reception.

His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham from Budapest.

Mr Stephen Lamport and Mr Allan Percival were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Macclesfield and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

Her Royal Highness opened the new Macclesfield Library, Jordangate, and afterwards visited Stanley and Brocklehurst Court, King Edward Road. Later The Duchess of Gloucester opened the Sterile Products Plant at Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
April 28: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning opened the Marjorie Reid Memorial Wing and Bradbury Day Care Centre at the Hospice of Our Lady and St John, Manor Farm, Milton Road, Willen Village, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Honourable John Fremantle).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Aylesbury High School, Walton Road, Aylesbury, and as Patron, the John Grooms Association, opened Kent House, the Disabled Housing Trust Brain Injury Unit, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Dinners

European-Atlantic Group
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Chairman of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a dinner held last night at St Stephen's Club. Mr Roy Maclaren, Canadian Minister for International Trade, was the guest speaker. The Mexican Ambassador, the American Minister for Economic Affairs and Miss Joyce Quin, MP, also spoke.

Scriveners' Company
Mr Alderman Christopher Walford and Judge Denison, QC, Common Serjeant, were the guests of honour at the livery dinner of the Scriveners' Company held at Haberdashers' Hall. Mr Bernard J. Ducker, Master, presided.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund
The retirement of the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, KCVO, as President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund was marked with a dinner on April 26 at the Athenaeum to celebrate his 30 years of distinguished service. The dinner was given by the Council of the Fund. The newly-elected Chairman of Council, Professor Robert Cohen, presided.

1994 National Art Collections Fund Awards
Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman, National Art Collections Fund and Mr David Barrie, Director, presented the 1994 National Art Collections Fund Awards, given for outstanding achievement in the visual arts, at a celebration dinner held at the Savoy Hotel on Thursday, April 28, 1994, at 7pm.

The Wolfson Foundation

The winners of the Wolfson History Awards 1993 are: Dr Barbara Harvey for *Living and Dying in England 1100 - 1540* and Professor Robert Bartlett for *The Making of Europe*.

Latymer Upper School, W6

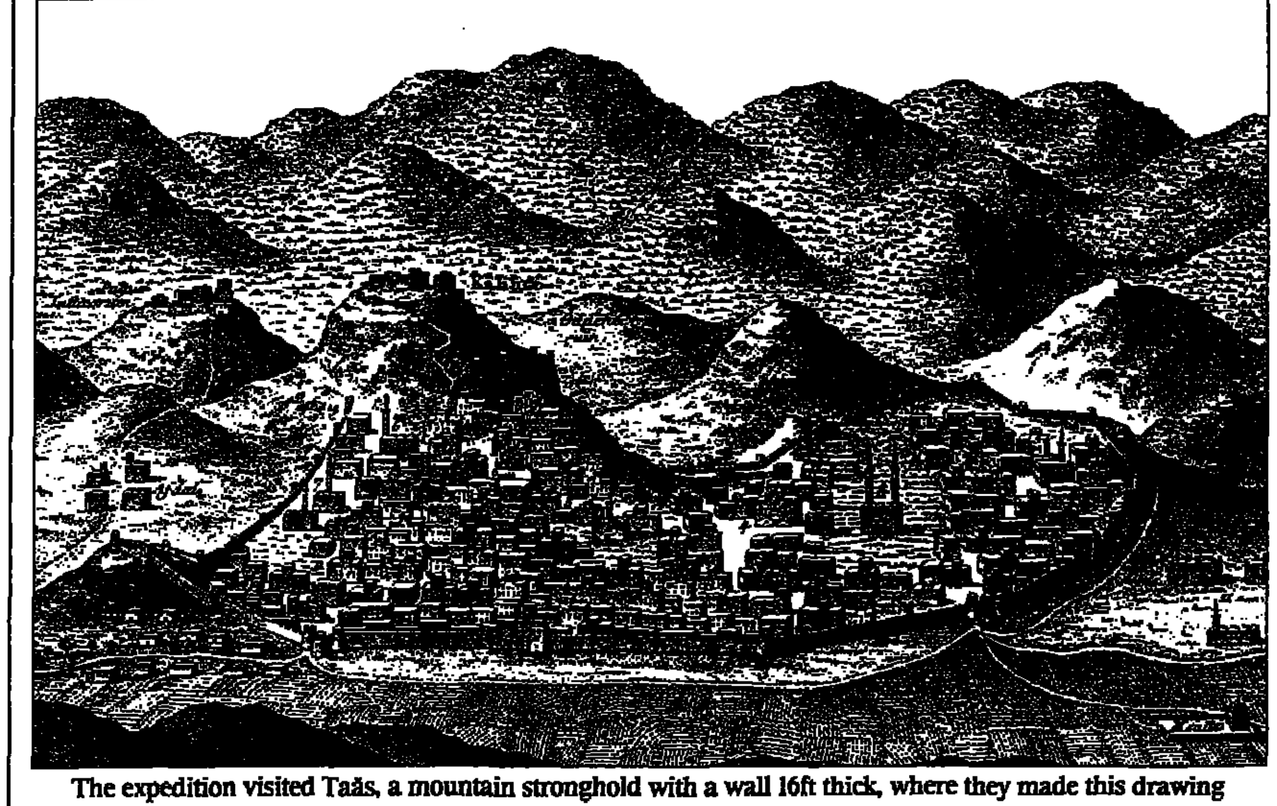
Summer Term at Latymer Upper School commenced on April 26, and ends on July 7. Founder's Day is on May 12 and the Annual Cricket Match with the MCC is on Wednesday, May 25. Captain of Cricket is L.G. Buchanan, and Captain of Boats is T.P. Graves. There will be a concert given by the Latymer and Godolphin Orchestra at St Paul's Church on May 3. 1994/95 is the Centenary of the Upper School on its present site. Any Old Latymerians who are not in the OLA, who wish to be on the mailing list for details of Commemorative Events, should write to the school.

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

At Stationers' Hall on Wednesday, April 27, the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers commemorated the 437th anniversary of the grant of their Charter by presenting four major awards to young people under the age of 25. These awards are made with the aim of improving their technological and managerial skills in the Trades of the Guild. The Master, Mr P.T. Rippon, JP, DL, presided, and the speakers were the Under Warden, Mr A.B. Brooker, JP, DL, Sir Alex Jarratt, CB, Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, and Mr Robin Howard.

Latest wills

Dame Margot **Fonteyn**, of San Carlos, Panama, the prima ballerina, left estate in England and Wales valued at £241,739. She died in 1991, aged 71.



The expedition visited Taâs, a mountain stronghold with a wall 16ft thick, where they made this drawing

Explorers' work is published after 200 years

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

MORE than two centuries after a Danish botanical expedition to Egypt and Yemen ended in disaster, a comprehensive catalogue of the plants that were gathered has finally been published with the help of Kew Gardens.

Only one man returned alive from the group that set out from Copenhagen on January 4 1761. He was the astronomer and cartographer Carsten Niebuhr, and he brought with him the notes and specimens collected by the others. The rest, including botanist Pehr Fossskal, all succumbed to what Niebuhr called "the cold" — now believed to have been a fatal form of malaria.

The book, *The Plants of Pehr Forskal's Flora Aegyptiaco-Arabica*, is a labour of love and botanical importance by Dr Nigel Hepper of Kew, an expert on the region who has made several trips to Yemen, and Dr Ib Friis of the Botanical Museum in Copenhagen.

When the expedition set out, little was known about the flora of the Middle East, so Forskal's descriptions are for many plants the first known to science. Forskal, who studied under the founder of systematic biology, Linnaeus, was a political radical who believed in freedom of speech at a time when such ideas were deemed subversive. A book he published was denounced from the pulpits. Forskal's notes were published in 1775, in Latin, almost exactly as they had been written in the field. Subsequently other botanists have studied the preserved specimens in the Herbarium in Copenhagen, but a final version had to await the opening of Yemen to foreign botanists. Now, with help from the Carlsberg Foundation, it has been published.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of *the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux*, will visit the Brentford and Chiswick bureau at Chiswick Town Hall at 10.45; as Chancellor of London University, will open the Bedford Library at Royal Holloway University of London, Egham, at noon; and will open the Charlotte Starmer-Smith isolation unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, at 2.25.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will attend a freedom of the city march-past at the Mansion House at 12.25 and will attend a luncheon at Guildhall.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House for the Future of Europe Trust conference.

Institute of Legal Executives
Mrs Jennifer Sayage, President of the Institute of Legal Executives, welcomed the guests at the annual presidential luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

National Sporting Club
Mr Geoff Cooke was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Bob Willis, chairman, presided.

Alexander Clay & Partners
The Right Hon Peter Lilley, MP, Secretary of State for Social Security, was the guest of honour at the 1994 Pension and Investment Journalist of the Year Awards luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons, where he presented Mr Jeffrey Prestridge of *The Sunday Telegraph* and Mr Eric Short, freelance journalist, with the main awards. Mr Brian Kennedy, Chairman and Chief Executive of Alexander Clay & Partners, presided and other guests included: Mr R J Bean, Mr T Courtney, Mr T Cleary, Mr R H Down, Sir Frank Gibb, Mr Douglas French, MP, Mr S Harris, Ms R Howard, Mr M Jones, Ms S J Kavanagh, Mr B P Latham, Mr G Medcroft, Count N Pandolfini and Mr M J R Porter.

Memorial services

Viscount Simon
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Viscount Simon was held yesterday at the Church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower. Canon Peter Delaney officiated. Lord Mackie of Benshie and Sir Brian Shaw, Chairman of the Port of London Authority, read the lessons. Lord Sterling of Plaistow gave an address. Among others present were:

Christie Viscountess Simon (widow), Viscount and Viscountess Simon (son and daughter-in-law), the Hon Mrs Gemma Hunter (daughter), the Hon Fiona Simon, Mr Ian Hunter and Mr Alan Hunter (grandchildren), Mrs Carol Kennedy, Miss Tessa Kennedy, Miss Jane Kennedy, Mr David Simon, Mr and Mrs John Simon, Wing Commander and Mrs Martin Edwards, Mrs J G McAllan, Mr Ian McAllan, Miss C M McAllan, Mr and Mrs John McClean, Mrs Angela Ballward, Mr Robert Venables, Mr and Mrs Neil Jackson, Mrs Juliet Field, Mrs Peter Hunt, Mrs Paula Kenilworth, Mr and Mrs David Ellis, Mr Tim Ellis.

Marjorie Viscountess St Davids, Lord Aldington, Lord Bonham-Carter, Lord Airedale, Lord Rochester, Baroness Seear, Lord Wigoder, QC, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, the Hon Mrs C Strutt, Sir Eric Yarrow, Sir David Burnett, Sir Eric and Lady Drake, Lady (Ralph) Richardson, Lady Bagrit.

The Master of the Master Mariners' Company, Mr J M Buckley (chief executive, Baltic Exchange), Mr Donald Chard (London General Shipowners' Society), Mr Bryan Hildrew (Institute of Marine Engineers), Mr A B Marshall (president, Chamber of Shipping), Mr Charles Parker (chairman of trustees, Tower Hill Improvement Trust) and Mrs Parker, Mr Jack Shapiro (Royal National Institute for the Deaf), Mr Alex Smith (International Association of Ports and Harbours, Tokyo), Mr Geoffrey Ennal (secretary, Port of London Authority) with Captain A J Bull, Mr Barry Aldous and other past and present members of staff.

Mr John Crossman (secretary, Penninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company), Sergeant Roger Ridett (Port of Tilbury London), Mr David Anderson and Mr Jonathan Anderson (C F Anderson and Son), Mr Donald L Syon (Voith), Mr Horace Davy (Lowline), Mr Peter Hamman (Condor International Freight), Mr Peter Usher (Royal Institution of Naval Architects), Mr and Mrs Ford Geddes, Mr George Adler, Mr and Mrs J D Robertson, Mr and Mrs C Anderson, Mr and Mrs C M Fernando, Miss Amrita Fernando and Mr Stanley Turner.

Brigadier Pat Macnamara
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Pat Macnamara was held yesterday at St Luke's, Sydney Street. The Rev Derek Watson officiated. Mr Alastair Barlow and Brigadier H.E. Boulter read the lessons and Sir George Sinclair gave an address.

Birthdays

Mr Andre Agassi, tennis player, 24; Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 63; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 53; Mr Dean Bell, rugby league player, 32; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 52; Mr Tom Clarke, editor, *The Sporting Life*, 55; Mr Daniel Day-Lewis, actor, 37; Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, 51; Mrs Ruth Deech, principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 51; General Sir Peter de la Billiere, 60; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 63; Mr D.S. Elliott, director, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, 45; His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 73; Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 64; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 70; Professor David Johns, vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 63; Mr Timothy Kirkhope, MP, 49; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 67; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 47; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 61; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 58; Mr Johnny Miller, golfer, 47; Mr A.W. Nicol, former chairman, South Western Electricity, 61; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 76; General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, 61; Miss Michelle Pfeiffer, actress, 37; Professor B.D. Ripley, statistician, 42; Lord Rothschild, 58; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal Party, 65; Mr David Tindle, painter, 62; Professor Heinz Wolff, bioengineer, 66; Mr Fred Zinneman, film director, 87.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Arbuthnot, physician, Arbuthnott, Kincardineshire, 1667; Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak 1841-68, Benares, 1803; Thomas Trollope, writer, Bloomsbury, 1810; Alexander II, Tsar of Russia 1855-81, St Petersburg, 1818; Georges Boulanger, general and statesman, Rennes, France, 1837; Jules-Henri Poincaré, French statesman, Nancy, France, 1854; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, San Francisco, 1865; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, St Helens, Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, pianist and bandleader, Washington, 1899; Michinomiya Hirohito, emperor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1901.

DEATHS: John Cleveland, Royalist poet, London, 1658; George Farquhar, dramatist, London, 1707; Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1933; Sir Alfred Hitchcock, film director-producer, Los Angeles, 1980.

Sir Peter de la Mare took office as the first Speaker of the House of Commons, 1376.

Women were granted permission *to sit examinations at Oxford*, 1885.

A telephone link was established between Britain and Australia, 1930.

The Churches Conservation Trust

A Service to celebrate the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Redundant Churches Fund and to mark its change of name to The Churches Conservation Trust was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2, in the presence of the Right Hon Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for National Heritage.

Appointments

Jean Dunkley and Diana Payne to be members of the Legal Aid Board.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain R.C. Cleave and Lieutenant A.R. Basker
The engagement is announced between Captain Roger Cleave, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, son of Mr John Cleave, of Washington DC, and Mrs Barbara Cleave, of London, and *Lieutenant Annabel Basker*, The Royal Corps of Signals, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Basker, of Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.S. Curtis and Miss Z.M. Horsbrugh-Porter
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Curtis, of Knutsford, Cheshire, and Zoe, younger daughter of Sir John Horsbrugh-Porter, Bt, and Lady Horsbrugh-Porter, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. Howitt and Miss E. Stevens-Cox
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mrs Suzanne Howitt and the late Mr Peter Howitt, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gregory Stevens-Cox, of Guernsey.

Mr N.C. Musto and Miss M. Dixon
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Roger Musto, of Cheltenham, and Margaret, only daughter of the late Roy Dixon and of Mrs Senga Dixon, of Farnham, Surrey. The wedding will take place in Aldershot in December 1994.

Colonel G.W. Tufnell and Mrs S.A. Burrows
The marriage has been arranged and will take place quietly, later this summer, between Greville Tufnell, of Quenington Court, Cirencester, and Susan Burrows, of Perrotts Brook, Cirencester.

Mr B.J. Hepworth and Miss R.A.C. Metcalfe
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mrs Muriel Hepworth and the late Mr John Hepworth, of Salford, Greater Manchester, and Rachel, daughter of Mrs Anne Metcalfe and the late Mr Robert Metcalfe, of Water Yeat, Cumbria.

Mr D.J.A. Pickford and Miss C.D.A. Lowry
The engagement is announced between David, son of Colonel and Mrs Brian Pickford, of Cann, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Christine, eldest daughter of Mr Brian Lowry, of Combe Martin, North Devon, and Mrs Michèle Ricci, of West Byfleet, Surrey.

Mr N.G.J. Rowsell and Miss N.M.J. Stanford
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Giles Rowsell, of Stoke Charity, Hampshire, and Nicola, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs William Stanford, of Lower Froyle, Hampshire.

Mr M.R.G. Tee and Miss L.E. Leggett
The engagement is announced between Martyn, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Tee, of Long Hanborough, Oxford, and Leanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Leggett, of Cooden, Bexhill-on-Sea, *East Sussex*.

Mr J. Wellesley and Miss C. Duncan
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Mr Richard Wellesley and of Mrs R. Wellesley, and Catriona, daughter of Dr David Duncan and of Mrs Anthony Fryer and stepdaughter of the Rev Anthony Fryer, of Glebe House, Byfield, Northamptonshire.

Armed Forces awards

The following Armed Forces operational awards for April 1-September 30, 1993, have been announced:

Northern Ireland
Order of the British Empire
Additional Commanders of the Military Division: Brig D V Erskine Crum, Late Scots Guards; Colonel (now Acting Brig) M G R Hodson, Late R Corps of Transport.

Additional Officers of the Military Division: Lt Col R H Bicker, R Irish Regt; Lt Col D F Davies, Adjt General's Corps (SPS); Lt Col D H Keenan, R Irish Regt; Lt Col J A Kirkwood, KOSB; Lt Col C R Langton, Irish Gds; Lt Col J C McColl, R Anglian Regt; Lt Col A M Mason, R Marines; Lt Col H M Purcell, DoE's R Regt; Lt Col R A Swindley, R Logistic Corps; Lt Col C E Thom, Green Howards.

Additional Members of the Military Division: Maj O P Barrum, Gren Gds; Maj S J Baston, Int Corps; Staff Sgt M Campbell, Para Regt; Maj R S Combe, KOSB; WO2 D Cotterill, R Logistic Corps; Maj A Flavell, Para Regt; Maj S D Holborow, Coldstream Gds; WO2 S J Jones, P of W's R Regt (now ret); Maj R J Kemp, R Anglian Regt; Flt Lt (now Sqdn Ldr) J J Longmuir, RAF; WO2 A J Mullen, R Sigs; Maj J L Murray-Playfair, R Regt of Fusiliers; Cpl M G Newby, R Logistic Corps; Maj M S Perkin, KORB Regt; Maj J I S Plastow, R Green Jackets; Capt T B Radford, Light Infantry; Maj P R Saddleton, R Logistic Corps; Maj P C Tomlinson, DoE's R Regt; Staff Sgt A T Toner, R Sigs (now ret); Maj T P Warton, Adjt General Corps (RMP); Maj S E Woodburn, KORB Regt (now ret); WO2 S Young, R Sigs.

Queen's Gallantry Medal
WO2 J Lybert, Int Corps; Maj A R Wallace, R Logistic Corps.

DFC
Staff Sgt (now WO2) S A Wyatt, R Regt of Artillery.

Mentioned in Dispatches
Maj R H W St G Bodington, Welsh Gds; Maj A J A Brown-Hovelt, R Regt of Artillery (now ret); Maj W H Buckley, Para Regt; Sgt S P Cahill, Army Air Corps; Capt S W Carver, R Anglian Regt; Sgt D B Coupland, DoE's R Regt; Cpl M E Downard, R Green Jackets; Maj P A W Edwards, Army Air Corps; Fusilier P Gardner, R Regt of Fusiliers; Lt M A Hughes, R Green Jackets; Staff Sgt M J Jones, R Welch Fusiliers; Pte A Moore, QOH; Lance Bdr (now Bdr) L A Moore, R Regt of Artillery; Lt P W Muspratt, DoE's R Regt; Lt M R Newbould, Welsh Gds; Maj C A Newell, PoW's R Regt; Flt Lt P G Newman, RAF; Sgt T R Pearson, QOH; Maj S L Porter, R Anglian Regt; Lance Cpl G Smith, Army Air Corps; Air Trooper S J Vickers, Army Air Corps; Bdr S C Vincent, R Regt of Artillery; Maj A C B Whitelaw, R Highland Fusiliers.

Commended for Brave Conduct
Cpl J Bennett, R Regt of Fusiliers; Sgt I Haigs, Int Corps; Staff Sgt K M Otter, RE; Cpl P Plowman, PoW's R Regt; Capt H C M Shapland, Irish Gds (since deceased); Sgt R M Taylor, Para Regt; Capt M W Watson, R Green Jackets (now retired); Fusilier J P Weaver, R Regt of Fusiliers; Capt J C Westbrooke, KORB.

Commended for Valuable Service:
Sgt D Bowman, Int Corps; Maj R Calder, Adjt Gen's Corps (RMP); Cpl P Edwards, R Welch Fusiliers; Cpl D A E Guildford, RE; Maj R J S Hermon, R Regt of Artillery; WO1 J P Jacobs, Int Corps; WO2 D S Johnson, Para Regt; Lt Col J Kazocins, R Regt of Artillery; Maj W J Kinirea, QOH; Lt Col (now Acting Col) G C M Lamb, QOH; Lt (now Acting Capt) R F L Lyne, R Anglian Regt; WO2 A B McIntyre, DoE's R Regt; Lt Cdr C J Martin, RN; Gp Capt (now Air Commodore) D M Niven, RAF; Cpl D J Palmer, RE; Lt C S H Parry, R Regt of Artillery (now retired); Col S W J Saunders, Late DoE's R Regt; Capt N J Sealy-Thompson, RE; Capt (now Maj) M R Snook, R Regt of Wales; Sgt R L Walpole, R Marines; Capt A P Williams, Glos Regt; Col J C W Williams MC, Late R Welch Fusiliers; Staff Sgt G Wilson, Adjt Gen's Corps (RMP)

Former Republic of Yugoslavia
Order of the British Empire
Ordinary Commander of the Military Division: Brig G d V W Hayes, late R Green Jackets

Ordinary Officers of the Military Division: Lt Col R J Morrison, R Logistic Corps; Lt Col M J Von Bertele, RAMC.

Ordinary Members of the Military Division: Sgt R Anderson, RE; Cpl H McC Clark, RE; Maj N P Gallier, Green Howards; Maj D A Hill, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Capt D A C Ibbotson, Light Dragoons; Lt Cdr D A Lord, RN; Maj P T Roberts, Light Dragoons; Capt M R V Stankovic, Para Regt.

Queen's Gallantry Medal:
Capt M W Bower, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Sgt I R Thornton, Green Howards; Capt L K Whitworth, PoW's Regt of Yorks (now retired).

DSO
Lt Col (now Acting Col) A D A Duncan, PoW's Regt of Yorks.

The Military Cross
Maj G J Binns, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Cpl P S Dobson, P o W's Regt of Yorks

Air Force Cross
Capt A Iceton, Army Air Corps

Ordinary Associates of the R Red Cross, Second Class: Cpl (now Sgt) G McIntosh, RAF; Lt A R Williams, QARANC

Mentioned in Dispatches: Staff Sgt K J Burton, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Lance Cpl (now Cpl) D I Gillett, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Capt A G P Hay, Gordon Highlanders; Lt C R S Hay, QOH; Lt R Lockwood, PoW's Regt of Yorks; 2nd Lt G Payne, PoW's Regt of Yorks; Cpl J B Winder, RE.

Commended for Brave Conduct: Cpl A D Donlon, Gordon Highlanders; Lt J C Medley, Adjt Gen's Corps (SPS).

Commended for Valuable Service in the Air: Lt N J Thompson, RN.

Commended for Valuable Service: Capt J H J Amos, RM; 2nd Lt (now Lt) M Bray, RM; Flt Lt N Bray, RAF Regt; Maj C Brundle, R Regt of Artillery; Marine J Coulter, RM; Maj G C W Dodds, RE; Capt K I McCambridge, RE; Brig R V Searby, Late 9th/12th R Lancers.

Cambodia
Order of the British Empire
An Ordinary Officer of the Military Division: Lt Col N F Mulliner, RE.

Ordinary Officer of the Military Division: Maj A Duncan, R Sigs; Capt I A Gordon, R Logistic Corps; Lt (Acting Capt) S J Lake, RE.

Military Cross
Maj M R Walton, R Regt of Artillery; Lt (Acting Capt) R J W Williams, Welsh Guards.

Mentioned in Dispatches: Capt N A Wilson, R Regt of Artillery.

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As the rain and snow came down from the heavens, and do no return there without watering the earth making to produce grain to give seed for sowing and bread to eat, so it is with my word... Isaiah 55 : 10

BIRTHS

ANDREWS - On April 24th 1994, to Catherine (née Richards) and Simon, a son, Hugo Christian Holland, a brother for Poppy.

BACCO - On April 24th at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, a son to Jan and Giuseppe. Sebastian Alexander Bradley

BERGER - On April 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Najah (née Hussain) and Paul, two beautiful twin daughters, Reem and Sara.

BLISS - On 21st April, to Hazel and Andrew, a son, Alexander George.

BROOKS - On 27th April 1994, to Diana and Richard, a son, Michael.

BUTCHER - On 26th April, to Louisa and James, a daughter, Matilda Lucy.

GALER - On 19th April, to Janet and Kevin, a daughter, Lauren Nicole, a sister for Kellie Louise.

GOEDHUIS - On April 26th, to Laura and Johnny, a son.

HOLMES - On April 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Davidson) and John, a beautiful son, Sam, a brother for Tom.

JACOBS - On 26th March 1994, Dominic, son of Shelley and Leslie, brother to Ricki and Skye.

KEELEY - On April 22nd, to Terry and Penny, a beautiful baby son, Ruairi Joseph, a little brother to Lauren and Siobhan.

LANGDON - On April 25th 1994, to Vicky (née Henderson) and Ben, a daughter, Ruby Louise, a beautiful sister for Max.

MURRAY - On April 21st at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, to Marion (née Godley) and Robin, a son, Timothy Gordon.

TARRANT - On March 22nd, to Oonagh (née May) and Jeremy, a daughter, Clare Louise Joyce.

BIRTHS

TURNER - On April 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra (née Dunhill) and Charles, a son, Piers William, a brother for Natasha.

WALLACE - On 22nd April, to Julia and Jamie Wallace, a daughter.

DEATHS

ADSHEAD - On April 26th, suddenly at home, Helen Una Rosemary, in her 88th year, widow of Lt. Col. Maurice Adshead MC, late The (22nd) Cheshire Regiment, much loved and loving mother of John, Robin and Liz, dear grandmother of Fiona, Darrell and Corrin. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday May 3rd at 4 pm. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to W. Bryder and Sons, tel: (0798) 42174.

ALLAN - On 28th April, after a long illness borne with great courage, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Colin. Devoted husband of Barbara and father of Bunty and Nicholas and grandfather of William, Hermione, Juliet and Jeremy. Funeral Service at Ash Priors Parish Church, near Taunton, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd May. Donations in lieu of flowers for Ash Priors Parish Church c/o Forsey & Son F/D, 28 High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

ALLEN - On April 27th 1994, peacefully in hospital, Richard Forsyth. Much loved and loving father and great friend of Tim, Row, Vicki and Simon. Now reunited with his wife Ann. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Limpley Stoke, Wednesday May 4th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the Dorothy House Foundation and St Mary's Church c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

DEATHS

BURGESS - Edward William, tragically at his home on 27th April 1994 aged 16 months, of Birch Hill, The Cross, Ellesmere, Shropshire. Dearly loved son of Simon and Sally-Anne and dear brother of James. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ellesmere, on Saturday 30th April at 11am followed by interment in Ellesmere Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Childrens Ward Fund, Wrexham Maelor Hospital. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors, E.J. Edgerton and Son (0948) 75286.

CRABB - On April 27th, Robert, peacefully in hospital in France, dearly loved husband of Marjorie and father of Carol, Debbie, Ned and Becca. No flowers please, donations to British Diabetic Association Research Fund, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

DAWSON - Peacefully at his son's home, on 27th April, in his 82nd year, Lt. Col. Richard Stewart Palliser (Pat) Dawson, OBE RA (ret'd). Widower of beloved Joyce, darling Dada of Timothy, Sarah and Deborah, dear Pater of Lesley and Pa of Brian, and loving Grandfather of ten. Funeral on Thursday 5th May at 1 pm in the parish church, Michaelchurch Escley, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations welcome to the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund. Enquiries to Dawe Bros. Westfaling Street, Hereford HR4 0JE. (0432) 274066.

EDGE - On 26th April 1994, Dr. John Rossford Edge, peacefully after a long illness, nobly borne. Service on Wednesday 4th May at 12 noon in Thorncliffe Crematorium, Devonshire Road, Barrow-in-Furness. Flowers or donations, if so desired, for St Peter's Lindal P.C.C., may be sent c/o Little & Caine, 48 Ulverston Road, Dalton-in-Furness, Cumbria.

DEATHS

FRY - Dr. John Fry C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.G.P., F.R.S.M., died peacefully in Farnborough Hospital on 28th April 1994. Funeral Service will take place at Hoop Lane Crematorium, London NW11, at 10.30 am on Sunday May 1st. An exceptional man who was very much loved.

GODDARD - On April 24th, suddenly, Dermot Walter Stanislaus, in his 84th year. Only son of the late Col. and Mrs Goddard and much loved brother of Rita, Mimi, Veronica and the late Peggy. Requiem Mass at St Michael's Catholic Church, Coalway Road, Wolverhampton, on Thursday May 5th at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Penn Cemetery. R.I.P.

GORMAN - Dr. Eileen Mary passed away peacefully on 27th April in London Bridge Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her many friends, patients and admirers. Requiem Mass to be held at St Joseph's Church, Herbert Road, London SE18, at 1.45pm on Thursday 5th May followed by cremation at Eltham Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Francis Chappell and Sons Funeral Directors, 5 Thomas Street, Woolwich, London SE18. tel: (081) 854-0289.

LAND - On 27th April 1994, at South Riding, Bisham, Dorothy aged 65, a loving daughter, the dearly loved wife of Peter, the wonderful mother of Jane, Patrick and Sally, and adoring grandmother to her ten grandchildren. Dorothy passed away peacefully, supported by her faith after a long battle during which her courage was an inspiration to all around her. Her wish was for her body to be donated for medical research. A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held at All Saints Church, Bisham, on 14th May 1994 at 12 noon. Her wish was for Helen House Hospice for Children, 37 Leopold Street, Oxford OX4 1QT to receive any gift in her memory.

DEATHS

LAYCOCK - Philip, passed away peacefully on Monday 25th April, after a long illness. Funeral Service at St Sebastians Church, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham. Enquiries to J.B. Hall, 142 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham, Berkshire (0734) 793623.

MacLAREN - On April 23rd 1994, Nina Tarakanova, widow of Neil, died peacefully; brave and cheerful to the end. Funeral service and burial at Haycombe Cemetery, Bath, on May 10th at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations if desired to St Margaret's Somerset Hospice, Taunton TA1 5HA.

MORGAN - Dorothy Joan aged 82, on April 27th in Horsham Hospital. Widow of Dr. G.S. Morgan. Loving and much loved mother of Jane, Bar, Nicky and Anne, grandmother and great-grandmother, sister and a good friend. Service of Thanksgiving in Horsham Parish Church on Thursday May 5th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Freeman Bros., North Parade, Horsham.

MURDOCK - On 22nd April 1994, suddenly, Gwyneth, a greatly loved daughter, sister and granddaughter. Private Requiem Mass at The Brompton Oratory. No flowers, donations if desired to The Samaritans, 46 Marshall Street, London W1V 1LR.

PIGOTT - On 26th April 1994 in a London hospital, Stanley Capel, aged 75. Beloved husband of the late Alix, dearly loved father of Tim and father-in-law of Maggy and devoted grandfather of Michael and Rachel. Funeral Service at 1pm on Friday 6th May at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, SW1, followed by private burial. Family flowers only please but any gift in his memory to The Coeliac Society, P.O. Box 220, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP11 2HY. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, Funeral Directors, (071) 834-4624.

DEATHS

PARTRIDGE - On 28 April 1994, peacefully, at home, in Adare, Co. Limerick. Olive Sylvia Partridge (née Sainsbury). Private funeral at Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

SPREYER - Frederick George, on 21st April, aged 84, peacefully at Kent and Sussex Hospital. Beloved husband of Joan, father of Louise and Francis, grandfather of Claudia, Katrina and Alistair. Sadly missed. Private family cremation. Memorial Service today 2.30 pm, St Luke's Church, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks. Flowers or donations to British Heart Foundation or National Assoc. of Epilepsy c/o Chappell, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks. (0732) 460203.

SULTZBERGER - On April 26th at The Oaks Hospital, Colchester, John Peter Sultzberger (Jack). Memorial Service at Gestingthorpe Church on Monday May 9th at 3 pm. Enquiries to T. Pennack & Sons Funeral Directors, 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. (0245) 471157.

TANKARD - Mary Josephine (née Quinlan) peacefully on 28th April. Funeral Catholic Church, Hills Road, Cambridge, 2 pm Friday 6th May. Family flowers only. Donations to MacMillan Cancer Fund, Cambridge.

TAYLOR - On 27th April, suddenly at home, John Stafford aged 74 years. Much loved husband of Jean, father of Dorothy and Beryl and very sadly missed grandfather. Funeral Service private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHAMPION - John Stuart Champion C.M.G., O.B.E. A Thanksgiving Service will be held in Hereford Cathedral on Sunday June 5th at 3.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NORTHESK - There will be two services of thanksgiving for the life of "Robin" Andrew Carnegie, the 13th Earl of Northesk. The first will be held at Springwaters, Ballamodha, Isle of Man, overlooking Robin's Glen on Sunday 29th May at 2 pm (in the event of inclement weather Malew Parish Church will be used). The second will be at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road (behind the Royal Albert Hall) on Sunday 5th June at 2 pm.

RAYNSFORD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Captain Antony Raynsford, D.L., R.N., will be held at 3pm on Thursday 26th May 1994 at the Parish Church of Holy Cross, Milton Malsor, Northampton.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID LANGTON

David Langton, actor, died in Stratford-upon-Avon from a heart attack on April 25 aged 82. He was born on April 16, 1912.

DAVID LANGTON was a reliable theatre actor who spent many years playing supporting roles in the West End before being propelled to television stardom in 1971 as Richard (later Lord) Bellamy, master of the house, in *Upstairs, Downstairs*. This was an elevated soap opera which provided weekly glimpses into the Edwardian world of 165 Eaton Square. Running to 68 episodes, it proved to be one of the most successful drama series in television history.

Langton's own part, however, was that of a rather dull stick and, after the series ended in 1976, he did not find it easy to convince casting directors that there was more to him as an actor than the somewhat wooden Conservative MP with whom he had by now become synonymous. There were, of course, the rewards of fame. He was so well known as Bellamy that, in the mid-1970s, when his first wife's uncle, Lord Kinnaird, took him to the House of Lords for lunch, he was introduced to the peers in the dining room simply as "Richard Bellamy, you know".

Basil Muir Langton-Dodds was born in Motherwell, near Glasgow, into an upper-middle-class Scottish family, one of five children. He was educated at a preparatory school in Bath and afterwards at a school in Glasgow. His father, a wine importer, was passionately interested in the theatre and encouraged the young Basil to perform in front of family guests from an early age. It was an enthusiasm which was not shared by his mother, a dour Scottish Presbyterian. Like most actors of his generation, Langton later trained his voice into a standard English but remained, in all other respects, recognisably Scottish.

Langton was a lethargic student who shone only in English, and even then with not sufficient enthusiasm to join the drama class. His father, despairing of his son's prospects, abruptly cut short his education when he was 16, and secured him a job with a small Shakesperean touring company as scene painter and occasional spear carrier. Langton's talents at this point in his career rested heavily on boyish good looks, a clear voice and complete nervelessness on stage.

At the age of 19 he decided to take a sabbatical from the theatre in order to nurture a budding aspiration to write. For two years, punctuated only by the occasional part in a play, he lived alone on a remote Shetland island. But his novelist's talents remained understimulated by this monastic existence and failed to bear fruit. He returned to the theatre in 1938 where he quickly graduated to playing in the West End.

On the outbreak of war Langton joined up, serving as a private in the Royal Artillery before becoming a bombardier. He eventually got a commission and was seconded to the Northumberland Hussars, serving in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium, and leaving the Army with the rank of major. The discipline of army life appealed to him, and he was briefly tempted to stay on.



David Langton, centre, with the cast of *Upstairs, Downstairs*

However, he returned to the theatre, reviving his stage name of David Langton (there was already an actor called Basil Langton), and four days after being demobilised was given a part in a play called *Fifty Fifty* at the Strand Theatre.

His first big break came with *Seagulls Over Sorrento*, a comedy peppered with salty expletives, starring Ronald Shiner and later Bernard Lee, which opened at the Apollo in 1950 and proved to be a huge success (Queen Mary went to see it three times). Langton stayed on with the production for the duration, though he created a brief stir in 1953 by walking out of the theatre one Friday night without explanation and sailing for America (his father had died recently and he was under a good deal of stress, but soon returned). Also in the cast was Gordon Jackson, who later played the imperious Scottish butler Hudson in *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s Langton worked steadily in the West End, usually in supporting roles. A part in *The Devil's Disciple* led to a close friendship with Tyrone Power and they worked together again in the film *The Ship that Died of Shame* (1955). He was the leading man in an Agatha Christie thriller, *Rule of Three*. He was also seen in several Somerset Maugham plays and in Samuel Taylor's *The Pleasure of His Company* at the Haymarket in 1959.

In the early 1950s Langton had briefly shared digs with Richard Burton. There were many times over the next decade when he had cause to ask himself why, unlike Burton and other British actors of his generation — Jack Hawkins, David Niven among them — he received no invitations to go to Hollywood. But television drama, then still in its infancy, proved to be his salvation.

He appeared in many plays for the BBC in the 1960s (they were then recorded live and often with unintentionally hilarious results), and by 1970 was almost in danger of over-exposure, being seen within a matter of weeks in the BBC's *Daniel Deronda*, as the Prime Minister in a television play called *The Prime Minister's Daughter*, and in *Special Branch* on ITV. Then, while standing at the bar in the Garrick one day in 1970 (a club which he had just joined), he was approached by John Whitney of Sagina Productions. Whitney explained that he was producing a new television series for LWT about an Edwardian family, based on a concept by two young actresses, Jean Marsh and Eileen Atkins, and that there might be a part in it for Langton.

Upstairs, Downstairs reached the screen in 1971 and instantly became required viewing in much the same way that *The Forsyte Saga* had been in the late 1960s. Langton's character, Richard Bellamy, was a Conservative MP whose wife had drowned in the *Titanic*. His role, consisting mostly as it did of making dignified appearances in the drawing room, where he would try to provide moral guidance for his profligate son (played by Simon Williams) and whence he was frequently being called away to the House, was scarcely a rewarding one (all the best parts were, in fact, *Downstairs* rather than *Upstairs*). Until Hannah Gordon's late appearance in the series as his romantic interest, he was allowed no other role than father and conscientious MP. But, like the butler Hudson below stairs, he provided a reassuringly stable presence around which all the other action was based. The series ended in 1976. Afterwards, despite Langton's best efforts, he found himself almost invariably cast in patrician roles.

One of his next parts was in Tom Stoppard's *Night and Day* at the Phoenix with Diana Rigg in 1978. He played again in *The Pleasure of His Company* in the early 1980s, directing and acting in productions in Hong Kong and Australia. In 1986 he was described as a "delightfully deft" General Allenby to Simon Ward's Lawrence of Arabia in Terence Rattigan's *Ross*. Later that year he could be seen in *Killing Jessica*, a whodunnit at the Savoy, in which he gave a reliably solid performance.

His film appearances included playing Lord Mountbatten in *Charles and Diana* (1982) and in a television performance of *Witness for the Prosecution* the same year in which he played Mr Mayhew. He also worked together with his son, the director Simon Langton, on the film *The Whistle Blower* (1987), which starred Michael Caine.

Away from the stage, Langton was, like many in his profession, a refreshingly modest, private man, with a strong attachment to his family. He liked opera, cooking — which was therapy as much as a hobby — reading biographies and modern fiction and long walks in the countryside. In his youth, he had been a good dancer, and an expert at the soft-shoe shuffle.

He is survived by his second wife Claire, whom he married in 1975, and by three sons from his first marriage.

DAME MARGARET MILES

Dame Margaret Miles, DBE, Headmistress, Mayfield School, Putney, 1952-73, died on April 26 aged 82. She was born on July 11, 1911.



DAME MARGARET MILES was a great headmistress and a dedicated internationalist. On the face of it, she was an unlikely candidate for the headship of one of Britain's first and most famous comprehensive schools. Her own education and former teaching posts had been in the independent sector and her accent was cut-glass. But underlying this upper-crust exterior was a passionate liberal-cum-socialist, her political convictions being the product of her Welsh Nonconformist origins.

She spent her early years in Liverpool where her father was a Presbyterian minister. During the First World War he was gassed and the family moved to the cleaner air of Suffolk where Margaret Miles attended the local (GPDST) High School. There she excelled particularly at games.

After reading history at Bedford College, London, she taught first at Westcliff High School and then at Badminton where, under the influence of Miss B. M. Baker, she developed her interest in the international dimension of education. While there she became actively involved in the Council for Education in World Citizenship, the League of Nations Union and the creation of Unesco.

After a spell as a lecturer in education at Bristol University, she became in 1946 headmistress of Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham, and from there, in 1952, was appointed head of Putney County Secondary School (as Mayfield School was then known). Only after accepting the post did she realise that this was one of the first five London schools designated to go comprehensive. If she felt misgivings (as she later admitted to having done), she soon overcame them and faced the challenge of transforming a traditional grammar school into an unstreamed, integrated community, reflecting all abilities and a wide range of social backgrounds. She performed this feat, in the face of opposition from both parents and staff, through the force of her personality and the infectious nature of her enthusiasm.

To her staff she was a model headmistress who delegated to others and rejoiced in their success. She believed that those who teach can and must *do* — and she expected the attainment of quality in all subjects and at all levels. She loved music and art and demanded particularly high standards in those departments.

Although inevitably acquiring a high profile, particularly in the heady, pioneering days, she never allowed public appearances and membership of various public bodies (including the BBC General Advisory Council, the Schools Broadcasting Council, the British Association and the Unesco National Commission) to interfere with her prime challenge at Mayfield.

By combining the best of the old with the new she gradually overcame most of the opposition and, by 1957, the transformation was complete. During the 21 years of her tenure, she inspired staff and students with loyalty and affection. She was created DBE in 1970.

Retirement to her family home in Machynlleth did not diminish her support for comprehensive education and, although she resigned or retired from a string of committees, she remained president of the Campaign for Comprehensive Education and an active advocate of Britain's return to membership of Unesco. Until Parkinson's disease and a series of strokes curtailed and eventually ended her mobility, Dame Margaret was also involved in local activities. She was area chairman of the Council for the Preservation of Rural Wales, captain of Aberdovey Ladies' golf team and a conscientious student of the Welsh language.

She was unmarried.

JOHN RIDDELL

John Riddell, OBE, wartime soldier and Northumbrian landowner, died on March 28 aged 83. He was born on September 24, 1910.



Riddell, left, with Major-General Francis Festing, centre, and Lord Louis Mountbatten, right

ONE of the last of the old school of Northumbrian squires, John Riddell of Felton Park and Swinburne Castle saw service with the Rifle Brigade in Madagascar during the early part of the Second World War. Later, as ADC to his brother-in-law, later to be Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, he took part in some of the toughest fighting of the Burma campaign.

John Cuthbert Widdrington Riddell was the son of Cuthbert Riddell of Felton Park and Swinburne Castle. The family descended from Sir William de Riddell, who had been appointed Constable of the Border stronghold, Norham Castle, in June 1314, just a few weeks before the heavy defeat of the English under Edward II at Bannockburn. The Riddells provided medieval Northumberland with several sheriffs and during the Civil War defended Tynemouth Castle for King Charles. Staunch Roman Catholics who stayed faithful to the old faith, they were also Jacobites: Thomas Riddell of Swinburne rose for the Stuarts in 1715.

John Riddell was educated at Ampleforth and Trinity College, Cambridge, after which he farmed in Kenya where he met his wife Maureen Taafe. However, when his father died in 1937 he inherited 10,000 acres and returned to Northumberland.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 he joined the Rifle Brigade, his brother-in-law's regiment. It was an appointment which was to lead to plenty of action. "Front Line Frankie," as Festing was known, earned his nickname from his fearlessness in action and his determination to lead from the front. Under him, Riddell took part, in 1942, in the assault on Madagascar, which was then held by the Vichy French and was seen as ripe for Japanese occupation.

Now a major-general, Festing was in command of the 36th Division which, after participating in the Arakan campaign was switched to the north-east of the Burma theatre to fight alongside the Chinese and Americans. Festing's style of leadership meant being continuously with the leading elements of the division and it was on one of these forward visits during the Battle of Mawlu that Major Riddell assumed charge of a section while the general took command of a platoon whose officer had been killed.

For his gallantry on this occasion Riddell was awarded the Silver Star by the United States government, as the 36th Division came under American command. Indeed, the way the division acquitted itself did much to dispel the none-too-favourable opinion the Americans had originally entertained of the fighting qualities of British troops.

Burma was not all hard work, however, and Riddell, who was one of the outstanding shots of his generation, found time to enjoy himself during the fighting. He and Festing later recorded having accounted for approximately 525 head of game between them during a ten-month period.

After the war Riddell came home to manage his two estates and to farm. In 1972 he was appointed OBE for his services to agriculture.

Master of Felton and Swinburne for over fifty years, impressive in appearance and bearing, Riddell was universally known as "the Squire". He was indefatigable in serving his beloved Tynedale, first as chairman of the old Hexham Rural District Council and then of its successor, the much bigger Tynedale Council — one of the largest rural areas in the country, with a wide range of industries, farming and forestry. Riddell was also chairman of the Timber Growers' Association.

Walking with "Squire" Riddell through Hexham on a Tuesday (which was both the meeting day of the council and market day) has been well described as a royal progress.

Essentially a countryman, he was a first-class field naturalist and, besides being a fine shot and a keen fisherman, he hunted foxes on foot. As a devout Roman Catholic and Knight Grand Cross of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (of which his nephew Matthew Festing is Grand Prior in this country), he visited Lourdes each year for more than twenty years to work with the sick. There, many desperately ill pilgrims were astonished to find themselves lifted and carried bodily by this enormous man.

His wife Maureen, a Dame of the Order of Malta, died in 1990. They had five daughters, the eldest of whom is Lady Talbot of Malahide.

THE VERY REV LEONARD SMALL



The Very Rev Leonard Small, CBE, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1966-67, died on April 8 aged 88. He was born on May 12, 1905.

ONE of Scotland's finest preachers, and the most senior ex-Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Leonard Small was born in North Berwick, and was himself a son of the manse. Educated at North Berwick High School, he went on to gain first-class honours in Classics at Edinburgh University. Thereafter, he continued his studies in Rome, Berlin and Zurich.

Ordained in 1931, Robert Leonard Small's first charge was St John's, Bathgate, where he remained until 1935. His ministry subsequently took him first to West High Church, Kilmarnock, then in 1944 to Cramond Kirk on the outskirts of Edinburgh, where he remained until 1956. His last charge was St Cuthbert's, West End, Edinburgh, from which pulpit he retired in 1975.

Recognised as an outstanding preacher and broadcaster, he was appointed Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1966, and in 1967 chaplain to the Queen in Scotland. His far-reaching public service was recognised in 1975 when he was appointed CBE.

Small's sermons were down-to-earth, interspersed with reminiscences and practical common sense; there can have been few worshippers dozing in the pews during his addresses. He was also assiduous in his pastoral care.

Despite such an active career in the ministry, Small also found time for extra-ministerial duties, including being chairman of the Parole Board for Scotland, 1967-73, vice-president of the Edinburgh Scout Council, and of the Edinburgh Council of Girl Guides. He also served as chaplain to James Gillespie's School and to St Denis School. He was later to become a governor of both schools. For many years he was chairman of the Arthur Smith Memorial Trust, and in the early 1980s became chairman of Age Concern (Scotland), as well as of the Edinburgh Parkinson's Disease Society.

Although his sons considered that he played with the wrong-shaped ball, he was skilled enough with it to win a place as goalkeeper in the University XI, and captained the Edinburgh soccer team in 1927-28. He also played for Scotland as an amateur. Appropriately, his autobiography, published last year, was entitled *Holy Goalie*. Among his more devotional works were *With Ardour And Accuracy*, *No Uncertain Sound* and *No Other Name*. In 1970 he presented a TV series entitled *What I Believe*.

Leonard Small was married in 1931 to Jane Hay McGregor who died in 1979 after many years suffering from Parkinson's disease. He leaves their three sons and a daughter.

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SUMMER TERM AT OXFORD

The numbers of the undergraduates, as everyone foresaw they must do, have again sunk. Of those who were with us last term not a few have followed their slightly older comrades and taken commissions. Oxford is "fine by degrees," or, rather, by "no degrees," for hardly any are taken, and these often *in absentia*, and certainly she is ever growing dutifully less. The total number of undergraduates in residence, which in the Autumn Term was about 1,400 and in the Lent Term about 1,000, has now fallen below 900. Oriel once more, that "sporting" college, holds the pride of place with only 18 undergraduates up. The Non-Collegiate Body shows the largest number, 120; Keble and Queen's have about 60, Balliol and St John's about 50, New College, Christ Church, and Exeter, and Wadham about 40; the rest between 20 and 30. The event of the closing days of last term and the vacation was the passing into law of the Emergency Powers Act. The speeches of the Attorney-General and of the Prime Minister himself, in introducing the Bill, but still more its ready and enthusiastic acceptance by the House of Commons, were, perhaps, the strongest testimonial and recognition which Oxford and Cambridge could receive. Whatever chronic critics may say, there is little reason to expect that public opinion will "demand a drastic reform" of the universities or the public schools when the war is over. Altogether there is a good prospect that in one way or another the special deficit of this year, amounting to some £5,000, may be wiped off within the year, and that Oxford may carry no enhanced deficit over to 1916. If the war and its conditions continue into that year, then she will be very hard put to; but meanwhile, sufficient for the year *is* the deficit thereof. This summer the thud of the bat, the "measured pulse of racing oars," the cheerful shouts of "well rowed" or "how's that" will be heard no more. The one thing in Oxford which is still "going strong" is the one thing which ought to be going strong — the Officers' Training Corps. But, beside the undergraduates, the officers of the O.T.C. have, as before, been training drafts of young subalterns, quartered in Trinity, Keble, Balliol, and Worcester. Most startling is the announcement that "Somerville," the largest of the women's colleges, has been commandeered to receive the wounded. The members of the college will, it is understood, move into Oriel.

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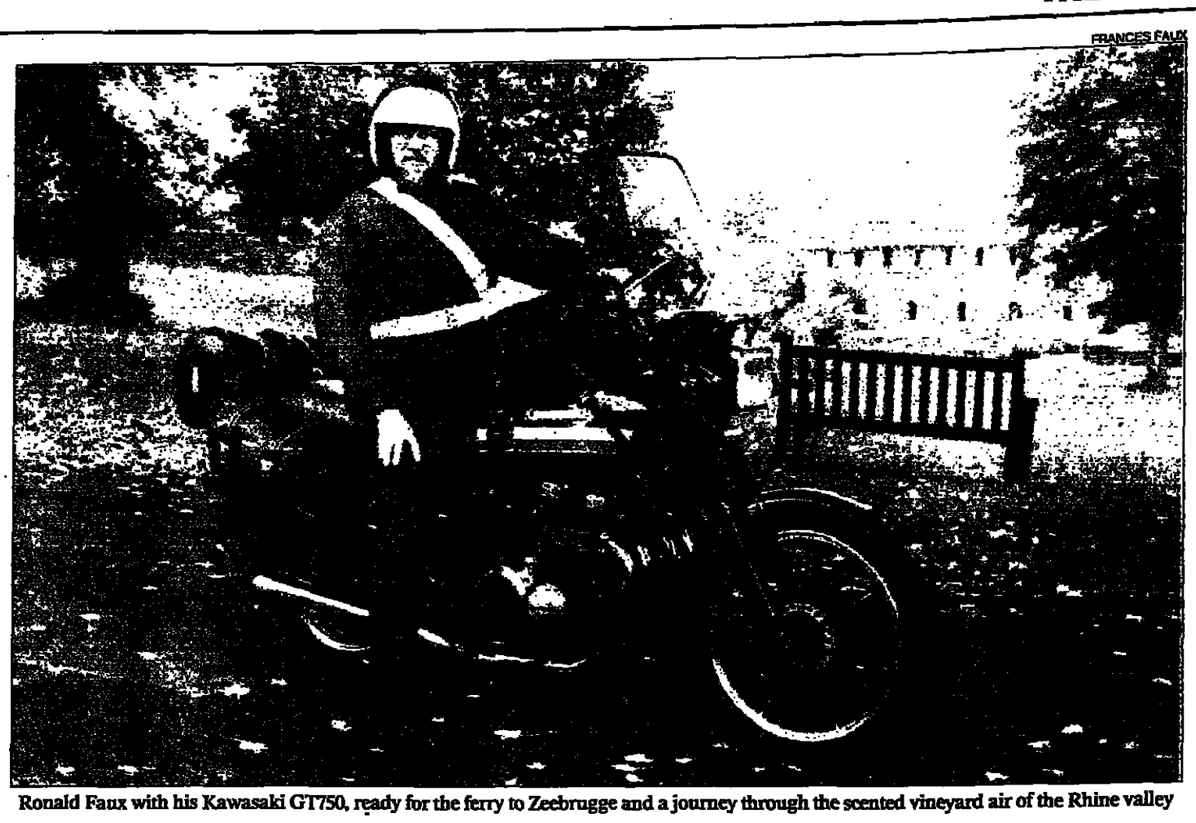
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Returning to motorcycles as a mature rider adds renewed pleasure to a touring holiday, says **Ronald Faux**

FRANCES FAUX



Ronald Faux with his Kawasaki GT750, ready for the ferry to Zeebrugge and a journey through the scented vineyard air of the Rhine valley

Born-again bikers are a modern curiosity, regarded with affection and more than a little relief by the motorcycle trade. They are easily recognised by their incongruous looks. Mature features shine enthusiastically from new-fangled helmets that look better suited to space exploration. Black leather jackets girdle the middle-aged girths of riders whose general demeanour hints at the ecstasy of Mr Toad on the open road.

I speak, of course, from personal experience. Some 25 years after rejecting the often oil-stained inconveniences of two wheels in favour of the warm comforts of four, I have returned to the fresh air and simplicity of motorcycling, and to the pleasures of exploring the world on a bike. Impossibly crowded roads and many working hours spent driving a car made me make the change. Touring by car would be too much like being back at work. On a bike, one can breathe the countryside air, and bring the basic comforts of home along, too. Press the start button and you are away, travelling anywhere in the world swiftly and economically. Modern-day motorcycles, which are now predominantly Japanese, provide smooth and reliable transport, and their easy mobility is enhanced by the latest designs of camping gear — lightweight tents, sleeping bags and clothing.

Many dealers currently find that their main customers, particularly for the more powerful machines, are middle-aged chaps returning to the two-wheels of their youth. Perhaps they are the only people who can afford the insurance on a sleek multi-cylindered machine with rocket-ship acceleration and a top speed more than twice the legal limit. I chose my own mount, a Kawasaki GT750, for its comfort. The suspension system is cushioned by compressed air, it has shaft drive instead of an oily chain, and the brakes are extremely effective. The model is popular among dispatch riders. I was once told proudly: "Fifty-five to the gallon and twice round the clock, mate, and I've never had the top off," by one Kwacker devotee — Kwacker being the machine's affectionate nickname.

I took the motorcycle on a brief, late-season continental tour, crossing the North Sea from Hull to Zeebrugge by North Sea Ferries, my home packed in two saddle-type panniers which contained a tent, airbed, lightweight sleeping bag, stove and cooking equipment. A bag mounted on the petrol tank held maps, guidebooks, a stock of quick-to-cook dehydrated meals and spare clothing, mainly quick-drying track suits and a couple of sweaters. Choice of clothing is important. Most riders prefer leathers. They become an extremely tough second skin, should bike and rider part company. Helmets are, of course, mandatory and there is a wide choice.

For gentle touring, I prefer the traditional open-face style, which covers the head, but leaves one's features pleasantly open to the elements. Full-face helmets give greater protection, but reduce the sense of freedom that motorcycling should give. Stout riding boots with a reinforced shin guard and leather gloves strengthened across the knuckles cover all other extremities.

All this protection suggests that motorcyclists are at particular risk. Doubters will argue that roads crowded with impatient, fast-moving traffic render anyone on a motorcycle extremely vulnerable. This is not supported by the statistics, which show a dramatic reduction in the number of bikers killed or injured over the last decade. Motorcyclists are the only group of road users to meet the Government's target for a reduction in accidents.

I made the overnight voyage from Hull to Zeebrugge in the comfort of a two-bunk cabin. Out from the coast through Belgium, the E5 autoroute carries the scars of heavy traffic. Shallow grooves worn into the slow lane gave an eerie sense of insecurity on a two-wheeled vehicle purring along at 85 miles an hour. The golden rule of continental touring is that one should stay off the motorways wherever possible. The old roads are quieter, and their gentle bends make riding along them a rare pleasure.

Half a day's motorcycling brought me after dark to the Rhine, and to a camp site just south of Bonn. The next three days underlined the delights of travelling by motorcycle. The lofty perspective of the machine's saddle gave uninterrupted views of the Rhine castles, and the ride down the Mosel valley to Trier, which is claimed to be Germany's oldest city, took me through countryside gilded by autumn and among vineyards suffused with heady, fermenting scents. Beyond doubt, this was motorcycling at its best.

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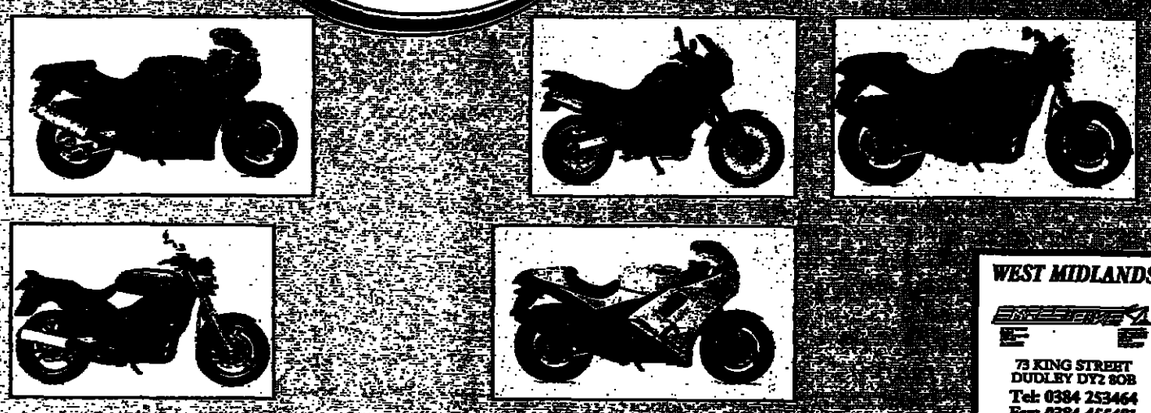
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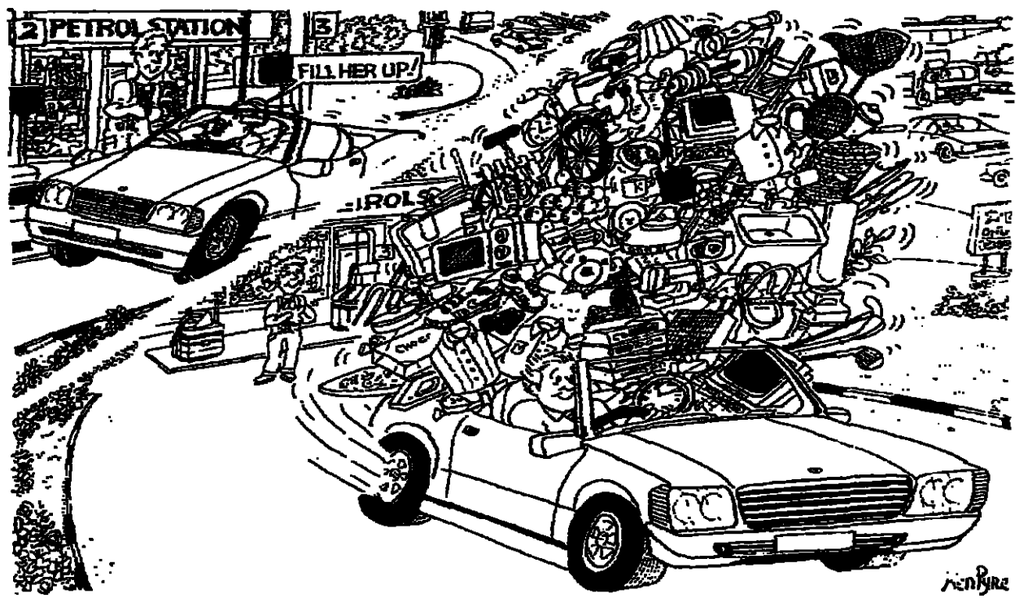
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Ten gallons and two loaves please

The emergence of supermarkets has revolutionised the work of petrol retailers. Jonathan Bracey-Gibbon introduces a three-page report on a highly competitive market



The announcement last week that Tesco is to open its first roadside stand-alone petrol sites is symbolic of the progressive cultural revolution that has swept through the petrol retailing industry over the past decade.

Traditionally, wholesalers, the oil companies, have been investing heavily in their retail networks and are slowly embracing their new role as retailers, not only of petrol, but a whole range of convenience household goods.

As evidence of this, the UK's largest convenience store chain is now Esso, and by quite a long way over its nearest non-petrol rival. The shop business alone on the UK's petrol forecourts is estimated to be worth £1.9 billion a year.

The other side of this evolution is that companies like Tesco, Sainsbury's and Safeway are effectively now oil companies, buying petrol supplies in huge volume on the open market, and retailing through their on-site filling stations.

It is their emergence in the petrol market that has really galvanised oil companies into looking seriously at their role as retailers and compelling them to become the corner shop operators of the 1980s and 90s.

The emergence of the ultra-competitive supermarkets has ensured that margins are such that few petrol sites make any profit on petrol sales, relying on shops and carwashing to keep in business. Added to this, over recent years oil companies have seen a fall in volumes due to the recession and the increasing reliance by motorists on more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Consequently, the oil companies have embarked on programmes of network reduction, closing smaller, less profitable sites and aiming for smaller networks of modern filling stations with higher throughputs. In the last ten years, site numbers in the UK have fallen from just over 22,000 to less than 18,000.

Set against this a supermarket share of the petrol market of 17 per cent from just 650 sites and it is clear that supermarkets have become extremely effective retailers of petrol thanks to a combination of low pricing and cross-subsidy from each site's main store, making petrol retailing a cost-effective ancillary service to their millions of customers.

However, as supermarkets have grown as petrol retailers, so the oil companies have mirrored this in their development of convenient stores, and with some success. Through the recession, the forecourt shop has bucked the retail trend as more motorists adapt to the convenience of a drive-in 'Top-up' shopping environment. According to Shell, there has been a 20 per cent year-on-year growth in its shop business while the rest of the retail trade has remained flat.

Although the supermarket companies have proved the greatest threat to the well-being of petrol companies, EC-directed environmental legislation has also hung like a black cloud over the industry for the last few years and has forced the pace of network rationalisation as companies strive for maximum profitability to meet expected environmental investment.

The industry's environmental concerns are both above and below ground. Above ground, it is the containment of escaped fuel vapour into the atmosphere, while below, it is the safeguard and clean-up against soil contamination.

The costs of both are potentially catastrophic for independent petrol retailers and severely debilitating for the oil companies. However, firm legislation in both areas seems to be in constant state of review.

While part of the vapour recovery programme has been timetabled, recent alterations to the proposed Register of Contaminated Land meant petrol sites were made exempt. Michael Howard, the Environment Minister at the time, scrapped the register. The current situation can only be described as a grey area.

Although a complex and fragmented market, all these factors mean much the same thing to operators across the country. Britain's preponderance of built-up urban areas has meant that large sites in big conurbations, or on major roads, have a future, although the twin pressures of competition environmental legislation will continue to affect margins and investment.

In rural areas, where there are many sites supplied by small oil companies, the threat is largely from environmental legislation. Mostly independent-owned, the only way for these sites to meet environmental costs is via a lifeline funding deal with their supplying oil company.

In terms of fuel sales, oil companies have seen a growth in sales of diesel, and prices in many areas are equal to, or slightly more than, those of unleaded fuel. The growth in the diesel car sector has obviously been responsible for this, but of late there have been increasing attacks on diesel from medical and environmental sources, disputing the claims of motor manufacturers that diesel is a clean fuel.

Gasoline has been subject to its own retail revolution. In the face of relentless market share losses to the supermarkets, the oil companies, led by Shell, have been increasingly selling their fuels on quality and detergent additive content, while the supermarkets have sold cut-price base fuel with no detergents.

Last November saw a strong advertising offensive from the major oil companies, questioning the quality of supermarket fuel. The supermarkets responded by adding detergents to their fuels, but with the recent launch of Clean System 3 from Texaco, the accent has been moved from perceived fuel quality to specific detergent additive quality. Coupled with this, oil companies are as reliant as ever on increasingly expensive sales promotions to maintain market share and build loyalty for their, mostly, invisible product.

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How green is my forecourt

Environmental costs to the petrol industry are ominously heavy

At the Institute of Petroleum dinner in February, Energy Minister, Tim Eggar, echoed the oil industry's call for realism when tackling environmental issues. With the oil industry having to invest an estimated £35 billion in environmental measures throughout Europe, the point was well-received, *Jonathan Bracey-Gibbon writes.*

At the retail end of their business, oil companies are facing levels of legislation-driven investment which, if enforced to the letter, will render many sites unviable.

Shell recently conducted a dummy clean-up as a costing exercise in North London. The value of the site was about £100,000. The cost of clean-up was calculated at £350,000. Shell estimates that one third of Britain's petrol sites are on contaminated land.

Environmental responsibilities for petrol sites are two-fold. From Europe, there is the requirement for sites to be fitted with petrol vapour recovery equipment; while closer to home, widespread soil contamination resulting from years of underground fuel storage will have to be remedied and measures taken to prevent further spillage. Both areas require heavy investment: the former in vapour-recovery equipment above and below ground to facilitate the trapping of petrol vapour during deliveries, and at the pump when fuel is dispensed; the latter in the instalment of a new generation of underground tanks, leak detection equipment and underground piping.

"Such investment is daunting for oil companies and disastrous for many independent retailers, who have to consider the cost involved against the turnover," says Bruce Petter, director of the Petrol Retailers' Association. "And bearing in mind many smaller sites are associated with another business like a car dealership, sometimes the cost of implementing the necessary expenditure makes it uneconomic to sell petrol, so the easier option is to withdraw that facility. This, in turn has an effect on the number of sites available, particularly to the rural motorist."

Vapour recovery on petrol sites breaks down into two stages: the delivery stage — stage 1 (also referred to as vapour balancing) and the fuelling stage — stage 2. There are fewer than 100 sites in the UK fitted with both stages, although just under 1,500 sites have stage 1 equipment fitted. The process will enable oil companies to capture vapour which previously would have been vented into the atmosphere, and return it to the refinery for re-manufacturing, and, of course, resale. Scandinavian markets are already well advanced in this programme and German sites are featuring vapour recovery in greater numbers.

Although vapour recovery measures are to be phased according to location and throughput of each site, some doubt has crept in as to whether the investment required is worth it, given the scale of the problem. With the cost of full vapour-recovery system at £70,000 a site, the prospect for the full-scale installation of vapour recovery equipment within ten years of the directive's adoption, as is the EC's target, is looking increasingly unlikely.

Also unlikely is the full scale clean-up of the nation's filling stations, and not just because of cost. The scrapping by Michael Howard of the Contaminated Land Register last year has thrown the issue into some confusion. Petrol sites were made exempt from the register before its demise, and now it is likely local planners will set up a *de facto* register to deal with individual cases.

> 'Companies are facing levels of investment which will render many sites unviable'

Either way, the prevention of ground contamination has led to a major change in the materials used in petrol site construction. All new-builds now feature GRP or double-skinned underground tanks, tank overfill prevention systems, polythene pipes and leak detection equipment, usually linked to state-of-the-art tank gauging systems.

Shell has recently launched an initiative in conjunction with the National Rivers Authority and a number of surveyors and environmental consultants. "Tackling clean-up needs a good dialogue between petrol retailers and the regulatory authorities," says David Pirret, general manager of Shell's retail division. "But this continues to be undermined by the fragmented nature of the authorities."

Naturally, such environmental constraints are having a negative effect on property values across the industry, and with environmental remedies being passed onto subsequent owners, no site can realise its market value without an environmental survey. "Clean-up standards and obligations must be applied across the industry to sites large or small, otherwise we are fooling ourselves that improvements are being made," says Mr Pirret.

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Brighter future for the franchise

Oil companies are turning to franchising despite resistance from licensees still suffering from the recession

The petrol retail industry in the UK is a fragmented one. Approximately 60 per cent of UK outlets are owned by independent retailers, the remainder by oil companies. The oil companies run these sites either directly through operating companies, or by licences and commission operator agreements.

In the last two years, franchising — where the operator pays a franchise fee, the deal is longer than a licence and the franchise is assignable — has been introduced by some major oil companies to replace licence agreements. The franchise idea is accepted across the industry as basically sound, although in practice it has not been without problems, as former licensees struggle to make new deals work in a recession.

The goal of most of the big petrol companies today is to achieve a 1980s-style retail revolution through their networks — to transform a patchwork of widely differing sites under the same brand into a network of modern retail outlets with high standards of operation, service and management, across the country.

The problem from the oil companies' point of view is that while they can do this on the sites they own and operate, they feel the need to increase the control they have over the sites run by licensees, and to persuade their independent dealers to run their sites and shops along oil company lines.

Franchising, and the end to the petrol licence operation (which is not unlike a landlord tenancy agreement in the brewery trade), has been deemed the answer by the majors — Esso, Shell, BP and Texaco — not only to the problem of maintaining quality throughout their networks, but, more vitally, to help recoup substantial investment made in transforming these networks into profitable, clean, modern retail environments which attract customers nationwide.

It has not been easy. Shell launched its franchise, SHARE (Standards, High quality and Retailer Excellence) in 1991 with a budget of £250m. Last year, it closed 200 sites and was forced to re-think its franchise policy, turning many franchises over to its own company operation as franchisees failed to realise their targets. It has scrapped the licence operation and offered compensation to retailers not wanting to stay in the network. The company is spending a further £100m on achieving its goal of a network of modern retail sites.

Esso calls its franchise a Partnership Agreement, although it is still seen as a licence by the trade, in as much as it is not a saleable asset as far as the operator is concerned, unlike the Shell franchise. Likewise, Esso licensees have been shocked in the past at what they claim is an unworkable agreement.

BP is currently developing its Harmony franchise in the face of resistance from a number of its licensees, concerned over the future of their licences, while Texaco is also conducting trials of its Team franchise. Even the UK's largest independent chain, the Frost Group, has announced it will be launching a franchise of its Save service station package.



Rikki Hunt: prefers the partnership route

Not all companies are following this route, however, and it is ironic that one that isn't is headed by ex-convenience store man. Burmah managing director, Rikki Hunt was formerly with Circle K before arriving at Burmah via the marketing manager's position in Elf. In the past two years he has eschewed the franchise format — Burmah having a smaller percentage of company-owned sites — and has concentrated on developing the independent dealer side of the business.

"Our predominance in dealer owned sites has grown since leaving the refining end of the market," says Mr Hunt.

"As a refiner you are more likely to concentrate on the company-owned side of your network than you are on the dealer side, because company-owned sites guarantee a continuous throughput as opposed to dealer-owned sites, which have to be negotiated with, on average, every five years.

"It does not really matter what an agreement is called, it is a matter of partnerships and relationships with the operator, and at this point we have no plans to go down the franchising route with our company-owned sites. As far as the dealer network is concerned, we can see no advantage in taking away the dealer's independence over his own site, which is what a franchise agreement can do. We prefer the partnership route."

While not all companies are opting for franchising, most are tightening up licence and commission operator agreements to increase control over the running of their sites. The desire for high standards of operation are universal, and with increasing amounts of regulation heaped on petrol sites, oil companies are concerned that their outlets be run to the highest standards. Consequently operator agreements are progressively weighted more in the oil company's favour. The operators see them as restrictive.

In evaluating franchising, a number of oil companies have looked at the Shell example. Although Shell's shops have been successful, with a sales growth of 20 per cent a year, the high franchise set-up cost (about £100,000), less than projected volumes and high claw-back from shop and fuel sales, all compounded by the recession, have meant that franchisees have experienced acute profitability problems and a number have left the network.

It remains to be seen whether other potential franchisors fare any better. Certainly none has matched Shell's programme yet.

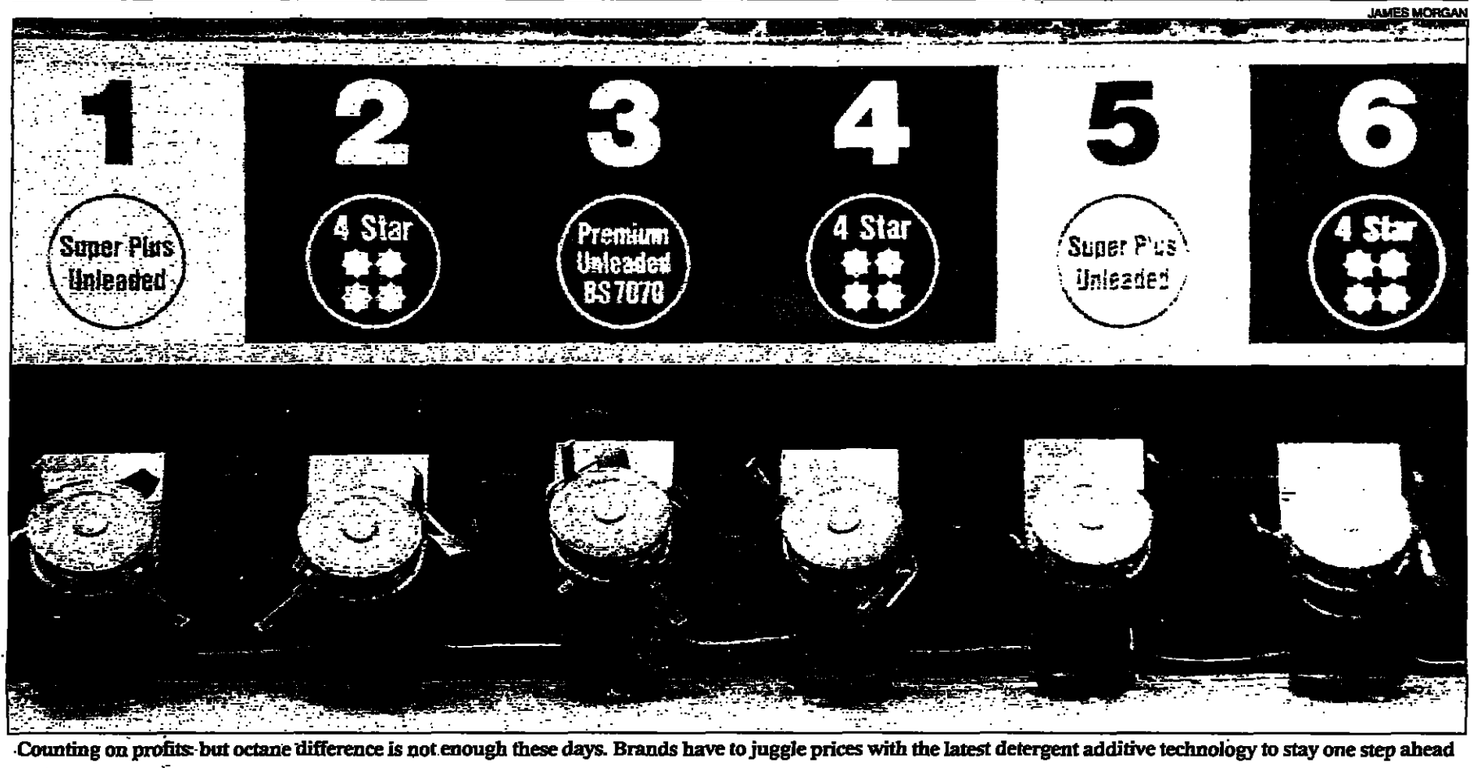
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The right mixture at the right price

Additives are the clue to increased petrol sales, but the price has to be keen and the margins are small.

Jonathan Bracey-Gibbon reports on a delicate balance — and the dramatic effect of rebranding

JAMES MORGAN



Counting on profits: but octane difference is not enough these days. Brands have to juggle prices with the latest detergent additive technology to stay one step ahead

These days, fuel quality refers to the detergent additive injected by the brand at the tanker gantry. That additive is claimed to keep clean fuel injectors, valves and carburettors, and prevent the build-up of carbon deposits in those areas. While there is a British standard for base fuel, there is none for detergent additives.

Shell can take most of the credit for bringing the issue of detergent additives and fuel quality to the motorist's attention. As a result it has managed for some time to occupy the high ground in fuel quality, in spite of having to withdraw Formula Shell in 1988 following problems with certain types of engine. However, in the last year its rivals have been getting on the act. As oil majors have lost increasing volume to the supermarkets, product differential was seen as one way of stopping the rot.

After Shell, the first to announce fuels with improved, or new, additives were Esso, BP and Texaco. Others followed, and now all the major brands, including the supermarkets themselves, have engine-cleaning detergent additives in most grades of their fuels, and with little effect on price.

Although there is no British standard for fuel additives, the market has reached the stage where product differential in fuels is now solely centred around the detergent additive used. With every new product launched, rivals murmur darkly about inferior additive quality or past problems with earlier attempts at the same product.

Last month, Texaco raised the stakes when it launched Clean System 3, which, according to some fuel specialists, has struck gold in being able not only to prevent deposit build-up in the combustion chamber, but also to clean engines affected by carbon deposits in this and other areas.

Launching a new additive is a hugely expensive programme, both in terms of research and development and in the investment in distribution infrastructure at refineries and terminals. But clearly it is an investment Texaco sees as worth making, and the industry waits to see the effect the launch of the new fuel has on both Texaco's market share here and in America, where Clean System 3 was launched in early March.

"It's too early to say, but at the last launch of a new product in the USA we noticed an increase in market share," says I. Wilson Berry, Texaco's managing director of manufacturing and wholesaling in the UK. "And we do not expect a rival product to be launched in the UK for six months."

Oil companies are notoriously secretive about market share — and none will quantify the effect a product has on its market share figures — but the six-month advantage gives Texaco a period of marketing opportunity during which it will introduce improved promotions and a Visa card which ties in with the company's existing promotions schemes.

The price and nature of fuel is traditionally viewed with some suspicion by motorists, in spite of the all-clear given to the industry by the MMC in its report, "The Supply of Petrol", in 1990. Consumers have long regarded oil companies as profiteers engaged in collusion and price fixing.

Motorists, aware of the workings of the oil companies and the practice of wholesale product swap deals between them, have taken some convincing that there is any sort of product differential between one brand or another. This has led to a heavy reliance on expensive promotions by some oil companies in an effort to build brand loyalty, without cutting price.

But now that the supermarkets sell fuels with additives they have created a level playing field and can again compete on price alone. Their huge volumes — up to eight million litres per site per annum — enable them to obtain supply at competitive rates on the open market. But their pricing policies are not necessarily direct competition aimed at oil companies, more the provision of a low-cost service to their traditional customers.

The sites are usually cross-subsidised by the main store, using up part of the land given over to car parking. They are usually new and have none of the land cost or environmental refit liabilities their longer-stablished roadside rivals now face.

The price differential can be staggering, as much as seven pence a litre — 30p a gallon — and nearby petrol outlets usually require oil company price-support to enable them to survive. Often, independent or low-performing sites are forced to close.

But oil companies have invested heavily in smart sites and customer service and refuse to get into a price war, believing the motorist will pay the extra for the service. This view is not shared by all.

"The oil companies have got to realise that it is not possible to operate at two pence above the hypermarkets, however good their facilities," says Bruce Petter, director of the Petrol Retailers' Association, which now counts supermarket retailers among its members. "The hypermarkets haven't got their market share for nothing and the one oil company that seems to accept this is BP, which has kept its costs down and prices at a realistic level. It has tracked the hypermarkets and seen some small growth. But the cost has been reduced margins."

One company that has managed successfully to bridge the gap between price and quality in the battle against supermarket pricing has been Jet. Always a low-price brand, Jet re-branded its network in 1990, and did so with military-like efficiency, transforming its image as quickly as any of its rivals. Likewise, when the company added detergent additives to its fuels, with an AA Seal of Approval, it did so with an effective promotion, Price Less, that accentuated low price and fuel quality.

The company announced an immediate increase in market share, and won an industry award for its promotion. It was aggressive in its market stance, issuing a challenge to its rivals at Esso and Shell to price additive fuel at a competitive market rate. In so doing, Jet has managed to retail from modern well-branded sites with one foot firmly planted in the cut-price arena, keeping it competitive with the all-powerful supermarkets. All this and the Jet Jiffy forecourt shop, long regarded as one of the best in the industry, has led to Jet being one of the few brands in the country with a growing market share.

The balance has been struck through a cost-effective network investment. "Jet has a 30 year heritage as a low price, quality alternative to the majors because value for money has always been important to the motorist," says Steve Theede, Jet managing director, marketing.

"During that time, we have seen the needs and desires of our customers change and we have changed to meet them. Our introduction of detergent additives well before the additives war occurred is an example. We recognised years ago that we must continue to respond to changing customer attitudes while maintaining our value-for-money marketing cornerstone and that has been the key to our success."

Convenience shops on the forecourt are thriving — as are filling stations at supermarkets. Can both markets continue to grow, or will one collapse?

Is it a forecourt . . . . . or is it a shop?

JAMES MORGAN



A filling station: where the smell of fresh-baked bread mingles with the four-star

While Shell has no plans to move into the supermarket business, one could be forgiven for thinking it might. Just supermarkets have become fully-fledged petrol retailers, companies are now the country's leading operators of convenience stores, *Jonathan Bracey-Gibbon writes.*

The forecourt shop industry is worth just under £2 billion, with food sales at £850 million, and has grown by 20 per cent year on year while the rest of retail trade has remained flat. Confectioners, ice-cream and soft-drinks firms now regularly announce increased sector share for the forecourt shop against multiple grocers and CTNs (Confectionery/ Tobacco/ Newsagents), and this is expected to grow as oil companies become more efficient in promoting and merchandising their shops.

Forecourt shop development is the major area of activity in most oil companies. With margins falling on fuel, sales of tobacco, confectionery, fast foods and convenience items are central to a petrol site's profitability. Oil companies have seen that the growth of hypermarket shopping culture has not only taken fuel sales from them, it has also opened an opportunity to cater for a market of top-up shops, picking up common household and grocery purchases between visits to the supermarket. Non-petrol business on the forecourt is good enough for Texaco to have announced that it is looking at scheme whereby it will open gasless filling stations — redeveloped petrol stations with a full forecourt shop, but no petrol sales.

As convenience stores, petrol sites offer clear advantages to consumers over conventional outlets in terms of access, and this has heavily influenced shop development, with sites designed with walk-on and motorist custom in mind.

"All conventional stores on a high street format are positioned for a walk-up customer. We're looking at developing our sites so there is some place for customers to park," says John Lawler, shop marketing manager for Shell.

The huge investments made by oil companies in their sites have largely been to increase footfall through the shop, to use the shop to build loyalty and so fuel sales. To underline further the importance of their shops, most oil companies have branded them separately from the filling station — Shell Select, BP Express, Texaco Star, Jet Jiffy, and so on — in a move to establish networks of uniformly modern, well-branded petrol sites with a forecourt shop and high standards of service.

In spite of many new developments in forecourt retailing, tobacco and confectionary remain the staple forecourt shop lines accounting for anything up to 40 per cent of shop turnover. Groceries and chilled foods account for 15 percent of sales and fast food sales in particular have been growing.

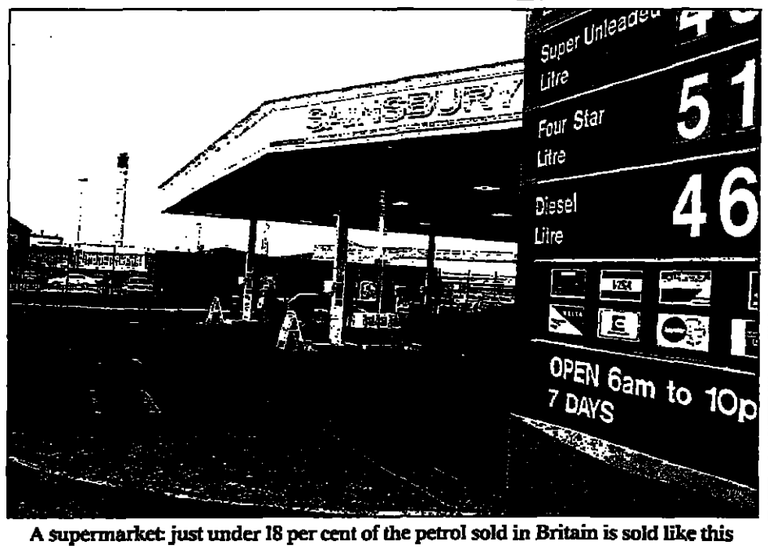
"Food service is an absolutely dynamic area for us," says Shell's John Lawler. "The man in the car has very few options, so selling sandwiches, microwaves, coffee and hot foods is easy money for us. It's already 13 per cent of our shop business."

As a sign of the times, car care items account for barely 10 per cent of shop business.

The smell of fresh-baked baguettes is part of the French way of life, just as buying petrol on the weekly shopping trip to the hypermarket has become, *David Young writes.*

More than half of all petrol sold in France, 58 per cent, is pumped into the tanks of the nation's Citroëns, Renaults and Peugeots at the hypermarkets with the result that the urban filling station is threatened and the major oil companies have surrendered their dominant market position to the grocers.

In Britain the threat of a similar takeover is being fought more vigorously and, ironically, the smell of the fresh-baked baguette could become a weapon in the armoury of the petrol companies, with the bread coming from a bakery within the filling station rather than the supermarket.



A supermarket: just under 18 per cent of the petrol sold in Britain is sold like this

The petrol companies accept that they cannot compete with the supermarket sites on price alone, however small the price difference. However, to combat even a small price gap — and inevitably there will be some supermarket sites where petrol is used as a loss-leader when a new store is opened — the oil companies are concentrating on giving the motorist a better and more convenient service with a guarantee that the petrol they are supplying meets the highest standards possible.

All supermarket sites now sell petrol containing detergents, but the majors say that at only one of their own filling stations can they guarantee that the petrol supplied is exactly to their standards. Supermarket sites, they say, can be supplied from more than one source and the technical specifications of petrol and individual company "recipes" are now so finely balanced that the only guarantee is the brand name. Market research shows the companies what their customers want when they visit a forecourt, and BP has detected a demand for fresh food, hence its experimenting with in-house bakers producing high quality breads for the motorists to pick up on the way home.

Indeed the threat from the supermarket filling station is not on prices, but on actual market share. The supermarkets now have just under 18 per cent of petrol sales in Britain, more than BP and not far short of the sales of the two market leaders Esso and Shell. In effect a new major brand has entered the market and is fighting for a share of a cake which has not grown by anything like 18 per cent.

The supermarkets admittedly have to be supplied from somewhere and the major oil companies are among those who deliver to the supermarket sites, but margins have been squeezed over the past two years, with the actual rise in pump prices being almost entirely due to an increase in the government's tax take.

The oil companies are however determined to compete and retain their market share, and that can only be to the benefit of the motorist.

Raymond Brasser, who runs BP's network of forecourts, says: "What the growth of petrol sales at the supermarkets has done is make us look closely at our own operations and become much more efficient, and determined not to lose our markets."

NEWS

Tories rewrite poll manifesto

■ John Major has ordered that the Conservative manifesto for next month's European elections be rewritten amid renewed signs of nervousness among Tory MPs about the future of the European Union.

The document is being revised by 10 Downing Street after Cabinet ministers complained that the draft produced by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is too long and lacks sufficient punch for the test the Tories face on June 9 ...Page 1

Neo-Nazis threaten bomb offensive

■ Eugene Terre'Blanche, the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement leader, threatened to continue a bombing campaign against the South African government. At an AWB rally white and black journalists were physically attacked Pages 1, 11, 16, 17

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Britain has slipped from 12th to 17th place in world life expectancy rankings because of the increasing gap between rich and poor, researchers say ..... Page 1

Iran warned

Britain warned Iran to stop all contact with the IRA, after growing evidence that Tehran has been offering to supply arms and money to the terrorist organisation ..... Page 1

Dean resigns

A Cambridge college dean has resigned because he believes an undergraduate footballer who bared his backside during horseplay at a mixed dinner was not punished harshly enough Page 1

Father's rescue

A father's description of how he rescued his gagged 6-year-old daughter from a transit van, after she had been kidnapped and molested, was read to a Newcastle jury at the trial of London driver Robert Black..... Page 3

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Keith Povey, Chief Constable of Leicestershire, faces a possible driving ban after being caught by his force driving at 80mph in a 50mph area on the first day of a speeding campaign..... Page 4

Art power

The Tate Gallery is to create an extraordinary landmark in London by converting Bankside power station on the south bank of the Thames into an £80 million gallery of modern art ..... Page 5

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The Law Commission accused the Government of failing to implement important law reforms that would make the law cheaper, quicker and easier for ordinary people to use..... Page 6

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Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose tried to distance himself from remarks to British UN troops suggesting that Gorazde's defenders had abandoned their positions to the Serbs ..... Page 13

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Sued for smoking in their home

■ In the first case of its kind in America's "smoking wars", a young couple in New Jersey are suing to stop their downstairs neighbours from smoking in their own home. Valerie and William Pentony of Dover claim that cigarette smoke from their neighbours' flat rises and makes their life a misery, sticking to their hair, clothes and furniture ..... Page 9

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Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, yesterday with daughters of writers and contributors on Take Our Daughters to Work Day. The girls, from left, are Allegra Copps, Dominique Herron, Nadine Felix, Kate Beardall, Sophie Binyon, Harriet Neuberger

Housebuilding: Steve Morgan, a Liverpool builder who cashed in shares worth £62 million when his firm came to the stock market, paid the company £100 for a hotel and golf course valued at £3 million on flotation eve..... Page 25

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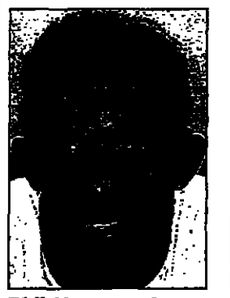
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■ Manchester goes Spanish — on the streets, in the theatres, in the concert halls — as the city launches its Ona Catalan festival

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Jack Russell, not Bertrand

■ The "humanising" of dogs has led to society being blackmailed. Peter Barnard puts a controversial view about man's best friend

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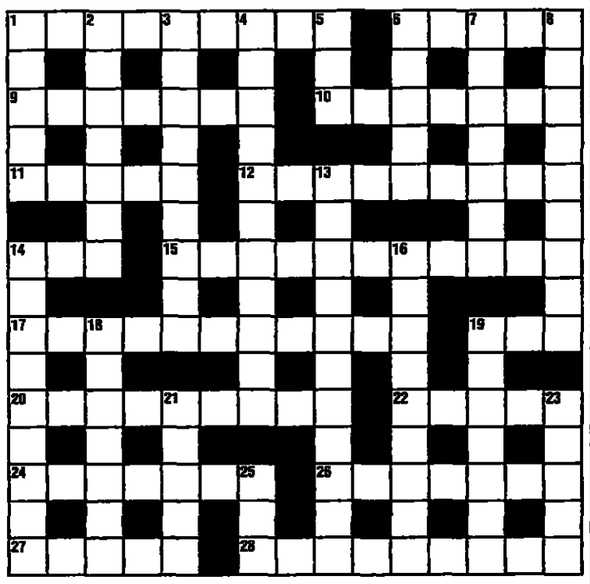
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The West is a closed Christian club. That is the message Europe sends by denying Turkey membership in the Common Market and imposing an arms embargo that affected only Bosnian Muslims

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☐ **London, E Anglia, E & W Midlands, E, Central N & NE England, W Midlands:** cloudy and misty. Bright or sunny spells developing. Wind S to SW, light to moderate. Max 21C (70F).

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☐ **Channel Isles:** bright or sunny spells. Cloudy and misty, especially this evening. Wind SE moderate, becoming W later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW & NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth:** cloudy. Outbreaks of rain. Some brighter and drier spells. Wind SW moderate. Max 14C (57F).

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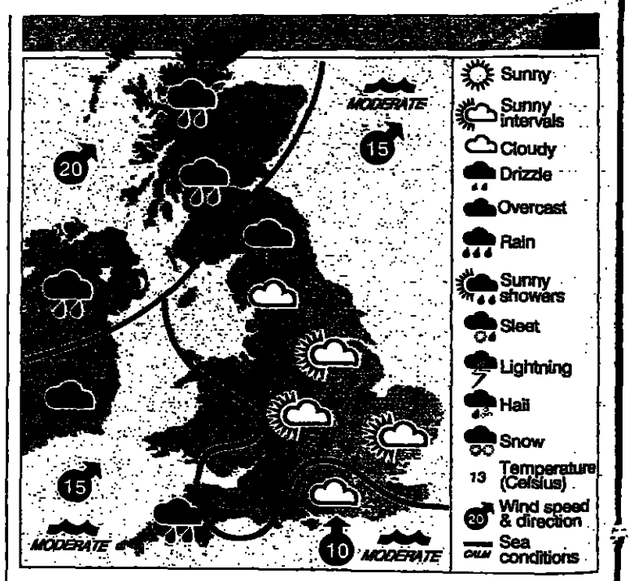
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Anglesey	-	-	10	50	d	London	5.1	-	20	68	b
Aspatria	0.1	0.06	10	50	r	Lowestoft	7.7	-	21	70	b
Aviemore	6.9	0.05	17	63	sh	Manchester	6.2	-	18	64	b
Belfast	0.2	0.04	12	54	r	Margate	9.2	-	19	66	b
Birmingham	5.5	-	19	66	b	Minehead	5.8	-	18	64	b
Bognor R	2.0	-	13	55	b	Morecambe	0.3	-	14	57	du
Bournem'th	6.9	-	15	59	s	Newcastle	1.5	-	16	61	c
Bristol	4.5	-	19	66	b	Norwich	6.0	-	20	68	s
Buxton	10.8	-	18	64	s	Nottingham	8.7	-	19	66	s
Cardiff	2.0	-	17	63	b	Oxford	3.5	-	19	66	c
Clacton	4.8	-	16	61	s	Penzance	0.8	-	13	55	fg
Colwyn Bay	1.4	-	15	59	c	Plymouth	2.9	0.03	12	54	fg
Cromer	X	-	21	70	s	Poole	5.7	-	17	63	s
Doncaster	10.0	-	21	70	s	Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	c
Eastbourne	6.4	-	15	59	s	Ross-o-wye	5.1	-	19	66	s
Edinburgh	0.9	0.01	18	64	sh	Ryde	6.1	-	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	-	0.13	9	48	fg	Scarborough	6.2	0.02	13	55	s
Exmouth	2.5	-	13	55	fg	Sandown	6.7	0.01	16	61	s
Falmouth	X	0.01	14	57	fg	Saunin Snd	2.9	0.01	14	57	b
Fishguard	2.3	-	13	55	b	Scarboro'	3.0	-	19	66	b
Folkestone	3.3	-	9	48	fg	Scilly Isles	0.2	-	11	52	fg
Glasgow	-	0.07	14	57	r	Shanklin	X	0.01	16	61	s
Guernsey	11.8	-	19	66	s	Shrewsbury	2.2	-	18	64	b
Hastings	5.0	-	14	57	s	Skegness	11.0	-	21	70	s
Hayling I.	7.6	-	13	55	c	Southport	4.2	-	16	61	b
Herne Bay	11.1	-	19	66	s	Southsea	7.9	-	X	X	s
Hove	2.6	-	11	52	fg	Stornoway	4.4	0.57	13	55	b
Hunstanton	8.8	-	19	66	s	Swanage	2.8	0.02	16	61	b
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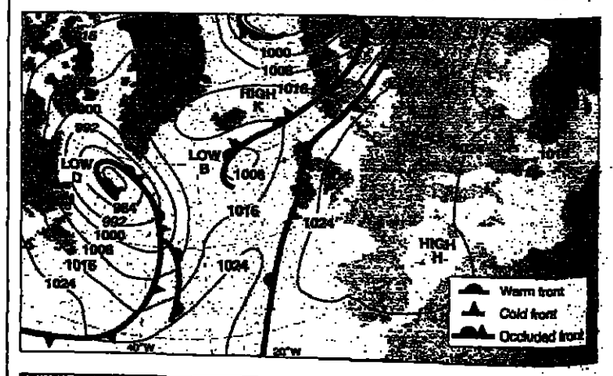
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Redrow's founder cashes in £62 million

BY NEIL BENNETT

STEVE Morgan, a Liverpudlian builder who cashed in shares worth £62 million yesterday when Redrow, his housebuilding business, came to the stock market, paid the company just £100 for a four-star hotel and golf course valued at almost £3 million, on the eve of flotation.

Mr Morgan defended his purchase of the 121-bedroom hotel in Clwyd near the group's head offices, and a nearby golf course, saying that he already owned both of them through Redrow. "I was just transferring it from my left hand to my right hand. It was all done before the float at an arm's length."

Before the float, Mr Morgan owned 98 per cent of Redrow and he transferred the hotel and golf course into Linross, a private company which he owns with Paul Pedley, Redrow's finance director.

Redrow's shares went on sale yesterday in the public offer priced at 135p. All the shares have already been placed with institutional investors but up to 35 per cent are available to the public if there is sufficient demand.

Redrow's flotation is raising less than Mr Morgan had hoped. Originally, Mr Morgan and his advisers expected to bring the company to the market valued at £350 million, but the recent fall in share prices has prompted them to cut the figure to £296 million. As a result, the 41-year-old businessman is only reducing his stake to 60 per cent, not the 50 per cent he had planned, keeping £30 million of his cash in the business.

The price is still more expensive than the recent flotation of Beazer, but Redrow is seen by the City as a higher quality company, with a lower cost landbank and stronger growth prospects. Redrow builds houses to a standard design, called the Heritage Range, throughout the country to keep costs to a minimum. After the float it will have £25 million in net cash to buy more land, and is expected to build 2,000 homes this year. Redrow is forecasting pre-tax profits of £21 million in the year to June 30, and will receive heavy tax relief from its acquisition of the loss-making housebuilding operations of Costain last year.

After the float, Mr Morgan will be worth almost £250 million in cash and shares, although he plans to stay on as chairman of the company on a relatively modest salary of £150,000 a year. Mr Morgan, who started the business in 1974 with a £5,000 loan from his father, yesterday said the flotation price represented "bloody good value". He added: "At this price I can think of no better place to keep my money."

Redrow has survived and prospered while many rivals failed due to two timely decisions by Mr Morgan: the switch from civil engineering to housebuilding in 1982, when margins in contracting were becoming too thin, and the profitable sale of land in southeast England in 1988 before the housing market crashed.

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Enterprise bids £1.5bn for Lasmo

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ The City is sceptical on the Enterprise bid for Lasmo. Oil analysts note that the share prices of both companies are well above the respective asset values per share

BATTLE lines were drawn in the City as Enterprise Oil fired the opening shot in the UK's largest hostile takeover bid since 1989. The oil exploration group is offering £1.5 billion in shares and warrants for Lasmo, its troubled rival, which is in the process of raising £219 million through a rights issue to reduce borrowings.

The bid, which would create Britain's largest oil exploration group, capitalised at £3.7 billion, was swiftly rejected by Lasmo, the board of which advised shareholders to take no action.

The offer, worth 150p for every Lasmo share, was hurriedly announced yesterday after the Takeover Panel had forced the company on Wednesday to reveal that it was considering a bid. Fears of dilution from the weight of paper to be issued sent Enterprise shares plunging 5 per cent, to 424p; Lasmo shares fell 5½p, to 157p. Graham Hearne, Enterprise's chairman, said putting the two companies together would create a strong world-scale exploration and production company. "This is a big boys' game, and Lasmo will give us the next step change we need — 75 per cent more production, an 85 per cent increase in reserves and 70 per cent more exploration acreage," he said.

Enterprise's all-paper offer is made up of new A shares and warrants. For every 80 Lasmo shares, Enterprise is offering 27 A shares and 12 warrants. The A shares automatically convert into ordinary shares in 1997; in the meantime, they carry a 3p dividend. The warrants, valued by Enterprise at 86p, entitle holders to subscribe for Enterprise shares at 470p from 1997.

Mr Hearne confirmed City fears that the bid would dilute earnings. "In the short term, there may be some dilution if we do nothing about it," he said. He added that measures to reduce dilution would include asset sales but these would not be massive. "Earnings are the plaything of accountants," he said. "My concern ... has always been cash, cash and cash again."

Joe Darby, Lasmo's chief executive, said Lasmo had the financial strength to develop its assets itself. "This contrived paper offer from Enterprise would dilute the significant growth potential for Lasmo shareholders."

Analysts were sceptical about the wisdom of the bid, noting that both companies' shares were trading well above their asset values. David Basham, of Kleinwort Benson, predicted that the bid could prove a disaster for both companies.

Mr Hearne condemned Lasmo's management for cutting its dividend three times in the past ten years and for suffering losses of £500 million in the past two. He dismissed the company's recent management changes: "Nine of the 12 Lasmo directors responsible for its failed strategy ... remain on Lasmo's board."

American investors, who account for about a quarter of Lasmo shares, are likely to be crucial to the outcome and Enterprise has set up roadshows in America.

The bid promises to be a bonanza for City bankers and advisers. Each side has signed up a string of blue-chip City houses. Enterprise has the backing of James Capel, SG Warburg and Robert Fleming in the UK, and Lehman Brothers is acting for it in the US. Lasmo's merchant bankers are J Henry Schroder Wagg and its brokers NatWest Markets. Lasmo has also recruited Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank.

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PETER TREVNOR



Alan Michels and Stephen Davidson hope to raise £350 million for TeleWest in London

TeleWest to tune into stock market with £1.7bn value

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TELEWEST Communications, the cable television company, will be valued at about £1.7 billion when it comes to the London Stock Exchange in July.

The company, which owns and operates 16 cable franchises in Britain and has minority interests in three more, is jointly owned by US West, the telephones business, and Tele-Communications, another big US corporation.

The aim is to raise £350 million of fresh funds to pay for TeleWest's massive building programme, which will lay cable to as many as 3.6 million homes. Although the flotation — of new shares equivalent to a quarter of the existing stock — will be made available worldwide, it is expected that most of the issue will be split equally between London and the Nasdaq exchange in New York.

Both the existing shareholders will stay in. Alan Michels, chief executive of TeleWest, said: "Our owners are not sellers of the stock. We're talking about new money. We want to continue to grow the company."

TeleWest does not expect to need further recourse to the stock market for more money in the foreseeable future, although the flotation will give the company easier access to other forms of finance.

The group provides both telephone services, competing with British Telecom and Mercury, and cable television.

By the end of this year, it expects to have launched a pay-for-view service, allowing subscribers to choose and pay for the programmes they want, as well as a new, as yet secret, interactive service, said Mr Michels. The group has plans for further expansion, perhaps by buying other franchise operators that run out of cash or otherwise come onto the stock market. Mr Michels said: "If we can find franchises which we can acquire on an economic basis, we will do so."

There is little prospect of a dividend, and TeleWest is a long way from making a profit, he said.

Stephen Davidson, the finance director, said: "We would be happy to have private shareholders invest, but we expect most of the money will come from institutions."

☐ General Cable, a subsidiary of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, also announced its intention to float in June, with an anticipated capitalisation of about £500 million.

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British Gas shares take a knock after profits warning

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in British Gas fell 15p to 280p yesterday in response to a profits warning by Dick Giordano, chairman, at the annual meeting.

He said: "The board believes that profits for the whole of 1994 will be below the equivalent result before exceptional charges in 1993."

In spite of unusually cold weather in the first few months of the year, Mr Giordano told shareholders in Birmingham that first-quarter profits would be at a similar level to the £965 million achieved during January to March 1993. The company predicts that the full-year result will fall below the £1.05 billion achieved during the whole of 1993.

Profits in the core United Kingdom gas supply business were falling because the company was losing market share while under pressure from a tough price-cap formula, Mr Giordano said. Cedric Brown, chief executive, said later that the company's share of the key firm contract market, made up of industrial and commercial customers, had fallen to 19 per cent. Mr Giordano revealed that British Gas was stepping up its drive into Latin America.

Relations with Ofgas, the regulator, have improved since the appointment of Clare Spottiswoode as director-general, Mr Brown said.

☐ Only traders with a proven track record and an established client base will be able to buy gas from British Gas in the 1994-95 gas release programme, Ms Spottiswoode said yesterday. The tighter rules are intended to avert a repetition of last year's gas round when a large number of new entrants obtained very small amounts of gas.

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SIB gets tough on life salesmen

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Securities and Investments Board yesterday moved to force life insurance salesmen towards greater disclosure of commission payments.

It claimed that private investors could save up to £1 billion a year as a result of its proposed new rules.

The chief City regulator announced rule changes that it said would lead to consumers having a much better direct understanding of the products they were buying, how they worked and what they cost.

Life company representatives and independent financial advisers will have to disclose, in writing, their commission, or equivalent payments, and the administrative charges. They will also have to supply a "reason why" letter for every investment they recommend.

The SIB rules become mandatory on January 1 1995 although they can be introduced by individual life companies from July 1 this year.

The SIB said: "Reductions in commissions and equivalent payments are expected to give rise to even larger benefits to consumers. A significant proportion of customers are expected to react to the disclosure of commission either by negotiating for a reduction or by deciding to 'shop around' before signing a proposal.

"There will be a strong incentive for salespeople to agree to a reduction in commissions in order to clinch a sale. While we certainly do not expect this to be done in every case, there will be enough cases of significant reductions or rebates of commission to achieve a significant overall saving for customers."

Lautro, regulator for life companies and unit trust groups, will publish its version of the rules for members today. The next stage will be to draw up similar rules for unit trusts, Peps and investment trust savings schemes.

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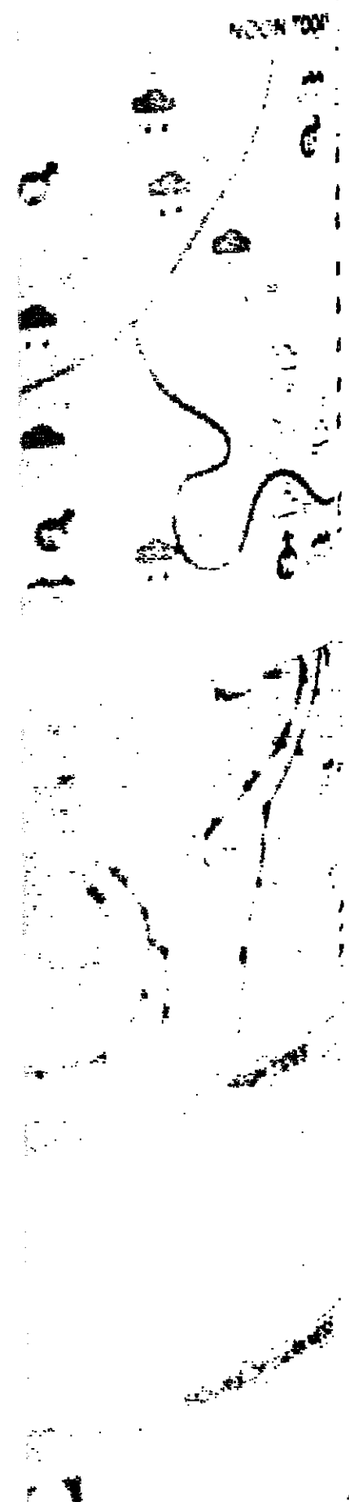
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Hi-Tec is best known for its training shoes, but it is rugged outdoor shoes that helped the company back into the black
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A 28-year-old entrepreneur is buying the food manufacturing arm of the CWS to sell goods to other supermarkets
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Ministers urged to tackle industry

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders welcomed a Commons report on manufacturing competitiveness calling for wide-ranging government action to improve industry's performance.

The Government will respond to the report, by the all-party Commons trade and industry select committee, with a White Paper on competitiveness. This will probably be issued on May 16. The committee's report was also welcomed by Labour and trade union leaders.

Agreed unanimously, it acknowledges that Britain has difficulty achieving and maintaining competitiveness. Richard Caborn, the Labour chairman of the Conservative-dominated committee, said: "If people want to ignore this, they will ignore it at their peril."

The committee says its year-long examination of the health of British manufacturing was generally not encouraging. "Whilst the problems are not terminal nor incurable, they are serious." The gap between the best and worst performers in the UK is "alarmingly wide", the committee says. In one of the most controversial of its pronouncements, it insists that the gap cannot be bridged by reliance on low wages and low skills, though Conservative committee members deny that this goes against government policies.

Most of the report's recommendations call for action by the Government, though the committee accepts that manufacturing industry itself has a crucial part to play in its own regeneration.

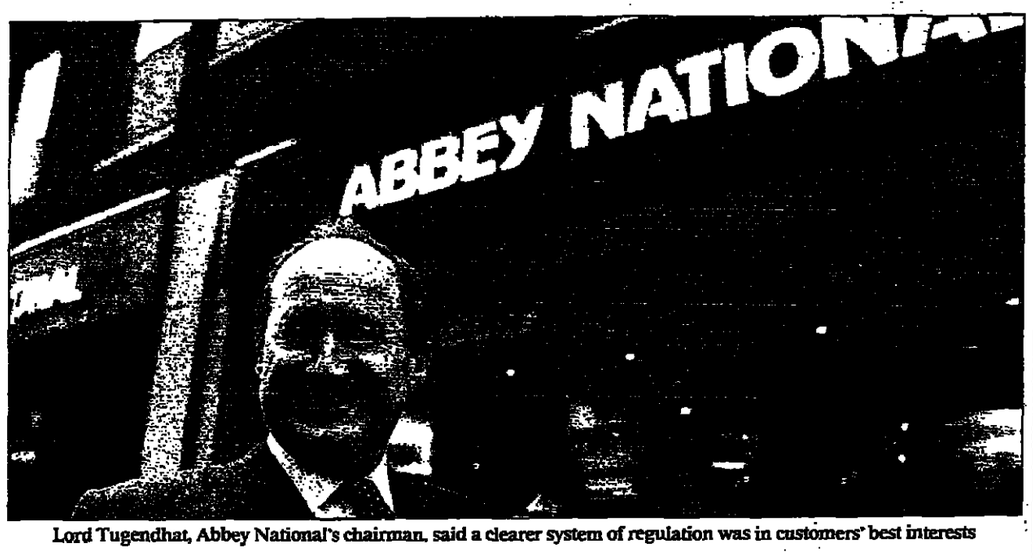
The Trade and Industry Department said it would respond to the report in due course. So did the Employment Department, in reply to the recommendations on training. These include removing responsibility for training from the Employment Department to the DTI, and the adoption of Labour's policy of a training levy on employers. Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI, welcomed the report's "positive tone in citing the unprecedented opportunity in the UK currently to build our manufacturing base".

Ian Thompson, economics adviser at the Engineering Employers' Federation, said the report was "broadly helpful".

John Monks, the general secretary of the TUC, said the report recognised the need for a partnership of all involved in industry. The TUC would seek talks with the Government and the CBI on the operation of a training levy.

Labour, which will issue its own report on competitiveness in advance of the White Paper, seized on the report as a criticism of government policy. Robin Cook, the party's industry spokesman, said: "The conclusions are a chronicle of the neglect of the needs of industry by the Government."

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Lord Tugendhat, Abbey National's chairman, said a clearer system of regulation was in customers' best interests

Abbey to join investment watchdog

BY ROBERT MILLER

ABBEY National is applying to join the Personal Investment Authority. This will be welcome news to the beleaguered PIA, which is due to take over responsibility for personal financial services regulation in mid-July. On Wednesday, Joe Palmer, the PIA's chairman, and Colette Bowe, the chief executive, were subjected to a grilling by the Commons Treasury and civil service committee. Speaking at Abbey National's annual meeting, Lord Tugendhat, the chairman, said: "We recognise that a clearer, more unified system of regulation in the UK is in the best interests of our customers. We are also concerned that the industry as a whole should inspire public confidence." Sir Terence Heiser, a non-executive director of Abbey National, is also a member of the PIA board.

Halifax, the UK's largest building society, has has expressed "serious reservations" about the authority's ability to deliver a promised "step-change" in consumer protection. It and several other big groups, including Lloyds Bank and Allied Dunbar, have yet to decide whether to join the PIA.

Pre-tax profits at Abbey National in the first quarter of this year were more than a fifth higher than in the corresponding quarter of 1993. Lord Tugendhat said profit had risen in UK retail banking, life assurance and treasury operations.

Valuation charges criticised

BY ROSE WILD

MORTGAGE lenders have been urged to make valuation charges clearer, after a monopolies enquiry. Lenders should specify separately the valuation charge and administration fees making up the total charge, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommended.

However, the MMC cleared the property valuations industry of operating against the public interest, although it ruled that a monopoly in favour of a number of mortgage lenders did exist.

The Consumers Association said the report upheld the practise of lenders operating valuation panels, or groups of approved valuers employed either in-house or via subsidiaries.

Most of the complaints that prompted the Office of Fair Trading to refer the matter to the MMC originated from independent valuers, who are excluded by the monopoly. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said the report had failed consumers by not advising them to seek their own detailed survey when buying a home.

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2. APPLICATION

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE FOR A MINIMUM OF 2,000 SHARES.

I/We offer to subscribe for _____ Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) in The Fleming Indian Investment Trust plc at 100p per Ordinary Share subject to the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the Listing Particulars dated 27th April, 1994.

3. AMOUNT PAYABLE

I/We attach a cheque or bankers' draft for the amount payable of:

£

4. CHEQUE OR BANKERS' DRAFT

☐ Pin your cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount shown in Box 3 made payable to "Robert Fleming & Co. Limited a/c Fleming Indian" and crossed "a/c Payee only".

5. JOINT APPLICANTS

Mr Mrs Miss or Title	Mr Mrs Miss or Title	Mr Mrs Miss or Title
Forename(s) (in full)	Forename(s) (in full)	Forename(s) (in full)
Surname	Surname	Surname
Signature	Signature	Signature

6. SIGNATURE

DATED 1994	SIGNATURE

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SRO AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

1685

Notes on How to Complete the Application Form

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Fill in (in block capitals) the full name and address of the applicant.

If this application is being made jointly with other persons, please read Note 5 before completing Box 1.

2. APPLICATION

Fill in (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares (with Warrants) for which you wish to apply.

Your application must be for a minimum of 2,000 shares.

Applications for up to 5,000 shares must be in multiples of 500 shares and thereafter must be in multiples of 1,000 shares.

3. AMOUNT PAYABLE

Fill in (in figures) the amount payable at 100p per share.

This should be for the number of shares applied for multiplied by 100p.

4. CHEQUE OR BANKERS' DRAFT

Pin a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount shown in Box 3 to your completed Application Form. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "Robert Fleming & Co. Limited a/c Fleming Indian" and crossed "a/c Payee only".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or bank branch.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "a/c Payee only" in favour of the applicant named in Box 1.

Applications with a value of £10,000 or greater which are to be settled by way of third party payment, eg. bankers' draft, building society cheque or a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant, will be subject to the verification of identity requirements which are contained in the Money Laundering Regulations 1993.

For U.K. applicants, this may involve verification of names and addresses (only) through a reputable agency. For non-U.K. applicants, verification of identity may be sought from your bankers or from another reputable institution or professional adviser in the applicant's country of residence.

If satisfactory evidence of identity has not been obtained within a reasonable time, then the transaction shall not proceed any further and the application monies (without interest) will be returned to the bank account where the cheque was drawn.

Please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your bank account as cheques may be presented immediately.

5. JOINT APPLICANTS

You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Boxes 1 and 6 must be completed by one applicant. All other persons who wish to join in the application must complete and sign Box 5.

Another person may sign on behalf of any joint applicant if that other person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed for inspection.

Ordinary Share and Warrant certificates and other correspondence will be sent to the address in Box 1.

6. SIGNATURE

The applicant named in Box 1 must date and sign Box 6.

The Application Form may be signed by another person on your behalf if that person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed for inspection.

A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

Contrasting fortunes for two state airlines

AIR FRANCE, which made a net loss of 8.48 billion francs last year — almost treble the loss of the previous year — described 1993 as its darkest year. The state-owned airline's results emerged after a board meeting at which it was decided to delay a decision on the sale of Air France's majority holding in the Meridien hotel group. The board said it would accept the view of a privatisation commission when choosing between the bids from Forte, the British hotel group, and its French rival Accor.

The dire state of Air France contrasted sharply with Europe's other major state-controlled carrier, Lufthansa, whose management board chairman, Jürgen Weber, yesterday forecast a return to profitability and a dividend payment this year. He said the German airline is considering a rights issue this year to raise its capital by DM500 million. Lufthansa last paid a dividend in 1989.

Next executives' pay

LORD Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman of Next, saw his total remuneration package rise from £167,707 to £237,416 last year, while David Jones, chief executive, saw his increase from £274,201 to £374,882. Lord Wolfson's performance-related bonus rose from £40,000 to £75,000 while his base salary rose to £162,416 (£127,707). Mr Jones's performance bonus rose £40,000 to £120,000. His base salary increased to £254,882 (£234,201).

European rates cut

THREE European central banks cut key interest rates by 10 basis points yesterday, even though the Bundesbank left its official rates unchanged after its council meeting. The Bank of France cut its key intervention rate from 5.80 per cent to 5.70. The Austrian National Bank and Dutch central bank each cut their leading rate to 5.30 per cent. These moves follow recent cuts totalling 23 basis points in the Bundesbank's key repurchase rate, to 5.47 per cent.

Discount house buys

GERRARD & National, the discount house and options group, is buying the 32.4 per cent of GNI that it does not already own, in a deal valuing the whole of GNI at £110 million. The purchase will be funded by the issue of 8.5 million G&N shares. G&N's pre-tax profits for the year to April 5 were £25 million, compared with £25.2 million last time, and net earnings were 34.7p (38p) a share. A final dividend of 16p makes 22p (21.5p) for the year.

Losses at Buckingham

BUCKINGHAM International, the financially stricken hotels and property group that has secured the support of banks until October pending a refinancing, incurred losses of £104 million last year after massive write-downs against declining asset values and further losses on disposals. The accounts for 1993 have been prepared on a going concern basis that assumes Buckingham will make the necessary disposals to cut borrowings. The dividend is again passed.

David Brown flat

SHARES in David Brown Group, which made its market debut a year ago, fell 23p to 263p after the engineering company reported flat operating profits and flat net earnings for the year ended February 4. The group says the outcome reflects difficult conditions in its markets. Turnover rose from £81 million to £86.5 million. A lower interest charge saw pre-tax profits at £10.8 million (£9.31 million). A final dividend of 4.3p makes a total of 6p.

Hicking acquisition

HICKING Pentecost, the textiles and industrial products company, has conditionally agreed to acquire Barbour Campbell, an industrial thread manufacturer based in Northern Ireland, for a total, profit-related consideration of up to £8.9 million. Hicking Pentecost has forecast a 19 per cent rise in profit to £3.4 million before tax in the year to March 31 (£2.85 million). There will be a second interim dividend of 3.05p a share, making 4.6p for the year (4p).

BERRY, BIRCH & NOBLE
Pre-tax: £670,000
EPS: 7.6p (12.8p)
Div: 3.3p, mkg 5.4p
Final results. Profit in previous year was £1.06 million and total dividend was 5.3p. Company plans to seek a full listing

CHARLES SIDNEY (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.3m (£1.24m)
EPS: 3.9p (4p)
Div: 1.2p (nil)
Company is acquiring Aberdeen and Dundee Motor Group for £3.1m in cash to enhance Mercedes-Benz operations

CI GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.53m loss
EPS: 1.54p loss
Div: 0.1p, mkg 0.5p
Loss in previous year was £338,000 before tax and loss per share was 0.47p. Total dividend was 1p. Board confident results will improve

FOLKES GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.72m loss
EPS: 4.68p loss
Div: 0.925p, mkg 1.5p
Profit in previous year was £1 million, with earnings of 1.24p a share. Net assets fell to 75p a share from 79p

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☐ TeleWest sells on the millennium ☐ SIB finally gets it right ☐ Long-term hope for British Gas

Cables of glass, nerves of steel

☐ WHEN dealing with Americans, always remember that they do not speak English. This is worth keeping firmly in mind when dealing with the coming flood of cable TV issues now heading for the London market.

The TeleWest float is the biggest, and difficulties of translation were already on show yesterday. Britain's biggest cable operator has high hopes of being a member of the FT-SE 100, where it would be a *rara avis* indeed. Stripped of the US corporate hype, this is a company with no prospect of dividends much before the maiden payment from Eurotunnel, no real profits for years and a £1.7 billion market valuation supported by revenues of just £20 million a year.

Somewhere in the prospectus, in letters a couple of feet high, should be the words NOT FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. Instead, inevitably, the stock is being sold to the public through intermediaries. That grouch over, this looks a splendid opportunity for serious investors with plenty of brass and nerve to lock away a few unwanted bob until the millennium, although it is too early to assess how TeleWest might compare with its competitors. The whole thing is being floated on one of those discounted cash flow models that brought such tears to the eyes of investors in Eurotunnel and Euro Disneyland, of course. But the potential for cables is dramatic, and the industry has barely reached the ground floor.

TeleWest has 3.6 million homes within the franchise areas it has been granted, or the equivalent of 2.8 million to itself allowing for some minority stakes. The network has so far been built to service a quarter of these, and of these, only another quarter have signed up, giving it an existing subscriber base of just 175,000.

The business, with two powerful American subscribers behind it, stands well positioned to pick off any weaklings that falter on what will be a long and rocky road for the cable industry. Telephony brings another dimension, in that 70 per cent of subscribers take both this and TV, while the 30 per cent extra investment required to add on the phone service doubles available revenues.

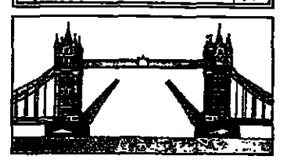
Such projections as are available suggest the business, which will have spent £1 billion on completing its network, will be cash flow positive, excluding interest payments, within a year, and including interest in two years. When it will become truly profitable is anyone's guess, but once this happens, and assuming no change in Britain's extraordinarily favourable regulatory environment, the business will be a fully-fledged utility and then — and only then — a licence to print money.

One caveat remains. Cabling the roads is an expensive business, and the service will inevitably be targeted at the more prosperous and will not come cheap. There is a cynical view in broadcasting that says that those that can afford it do not have the time to watch, while those that have all the time in the world can't afford to view.

Information revolution

☐ INFORMATION does not guarantee good decisions. But if the clear and straightforward disclosure of the costs of life and pension policies soon to be imposed by the SIB had been required from its outset, far fewer investors would have been made fools of. That would have met the first aim of the Financial

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Services Act far better. It should also have achieved the second — to raise public confidence and thereby stimulate business.

If only. As it is, confidence in the life assurance industry has plummeted and those who opposed reform must rue their arrogance. As a result, revelations of commissions and other costs will initially be viewed with deep suspicion. The industry will lose business before confidence is restored and, with luck, costs are driven down by competition and sheer customer resistance. If home income plans were ill-devised and mis-sold, then personal pension plans foisted on low earners moving out of the state earnings related pension scheme were often intrinsically unsuitable. They simply cost too much. The industry miscalculated the risks wildly but government was also to blame.

Including £3 billion of special incentives, tax rebates on personal pensions have totalled £13.5 billion since 1987. Far too much of that money has simply gone to waste, used up in one-off selling and set-up costs. People who need low-cost pensions have been pushed onto hand-built products. Unfunded Serps may have burdened the public finances with a frightening open-ended commitment, but it was cheap. No wonder Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is relieved that there was no minimum pension guarantee by government to those who took the special rebates to take up personal pensions. It is irresponsible to push the scheme further for older workers.

Maybe the new disclosures finally being pushed through by SIB chairman Andrew Large will save many more people from bad decisions. The key features document, and especially the policy calculations for each client, cannot compare likely final pensions. Buyers would still have to rely on a more subjective letter of comfort for that. But the simple facts will put many off and the cost disclosures will make many more think.

Most of all, they should make the industry think. Costs will have to be driven down. Life companies will therefore need to rethink the way they sell their wares and bring in new products that really do meet the buyer's need rather than the seller's. A revolution is on its way.

Dash for sanity over gas

☐ IT HAS been a good news, bad news week for British Gas shareholders, who, in the wake of yesterday's 15p fall in the share price to a 1994 low of 280p, may feel the scales are tilted bearishly. Not necessarily so.

By far the most important development — as *The Times* highlighted yesterday — is the acknowledgement by the Government and Ofgas that British Gas should no longer (our words) be unfairly disadvantaged in the name of competition. Belatedly, it appears to have dawned on certain Cabinet ministers (not all) that misregulation of UK utilities — representing a fifth of gross domestic product — is a dangerous and perverse pastime. Industry Minister Tim Eggar's message that "competition does not mean that we are for ever looking at a decline in British Gas's market share" is a sign of the times.

After vowing to achieve a level field for gas players, Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of Ofgas, pledged that only traders with a "proven track record and an established client base" will be permitted to participate in the 1994-95 gas release programme. Heartening words, in view of the second-round farce that saw a host of private companies based in a terraced house in South-west London waved through by the OFT, despite close links to United Gas, an aggressive independent. Other private gas traders, in the shape of students, nurses and housewives, joined the jamboree. Signs of new-found sanity are welcome as the big wait goes on for the joint DTI/Ofgas consultative paper. Chairman Richard Giordano's profit warning (which took its toll of BG's share price) is short term. A let-up in the war of attrition against BG's UK base would signal medium-term hope.

Purchases by British Land top £500m

By Carl Mortished

BRITISH Land has topped the £500 million mark in purchases for the British Land Quantum Property Investment Partnership, its joint venture with George Soros. The property group has agreed to pay £70.5 million for 122 Leadenhall Street, a building damaged in the IRA's bombing of the Baltic Exchange two years ago.

John Ritblat, British Land chairman, said that the company had completed spending the fund's equity and would now borrow to increase the assets towards the projected £1 billion total.

The building is currently being refurbished, and the vendor, UBS, has let 80 per cent of the space to Banque Indosuez at about £30 per sq ft with rent-free periods, giving British Land a yield of about 8 per cent on the investment.

British Land is to confront Stuart Lipton, chief executive of Stanhope, in the High Court in July over the former's purchase of a 29.9 per cent stake in Stanhope from Bank of Nova Scotia. Mr Lipton claims pre-emption rights over the shares, acquired by the bank on the collapse of Olympia & York. Stanhope, which owns a half share in Broadgate, the City office development, cut its loss for the half year to December to £9.3 million (£15.4 million).

Mr Lipton said he wanted a substantial equity injection into the company rather than a sale of Broadgate to British Land.

ICI revamp lifts profit to £93m in first quarter

By Neil Bennett

ICI showed the benefits of last year's demerger from Zeneca and its restructuring programme by announcing a 31 per cent rise to £93 million in underlying profits during the first three months of the year.

Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, reported sustained growth in America and a bottoming out of recession in continental Europe. He expected to see a further improvement in the group's performance as world economies strengthen.

ICI said it had cut its underlying workforce by a further 2,000 during the first quarter, after shedding 13,000 employees last year. Redundancy payments cost the group more than £10 million during the three months.

ICI's sales during the quarter rose 4 per cent to £2.15 billion, half of which came from a rise in volumes. The strongest growth came in the Far East, where turnover increased by 10 per cent, partly due to the success of ICI's new PTA plant in Taiwan. Sales in North America rose 3 per cent, while a 2 per cent gain in Britain helped to offset a 1 per cent fall in continental Europe.

Ronnie Hampel, the chief executive, said prices were on average the same as a year ago but had started to recover from the level they fell to last autumn. The group's much-heralded price rises in titanium dioxide and PVC have held and ICI has also been able to increase its prices in aromatic and caustic chemicals, although prices of petrochemicals remain weak. "It is still early days but there are one or two hopeful signs," Mr Hampel said.

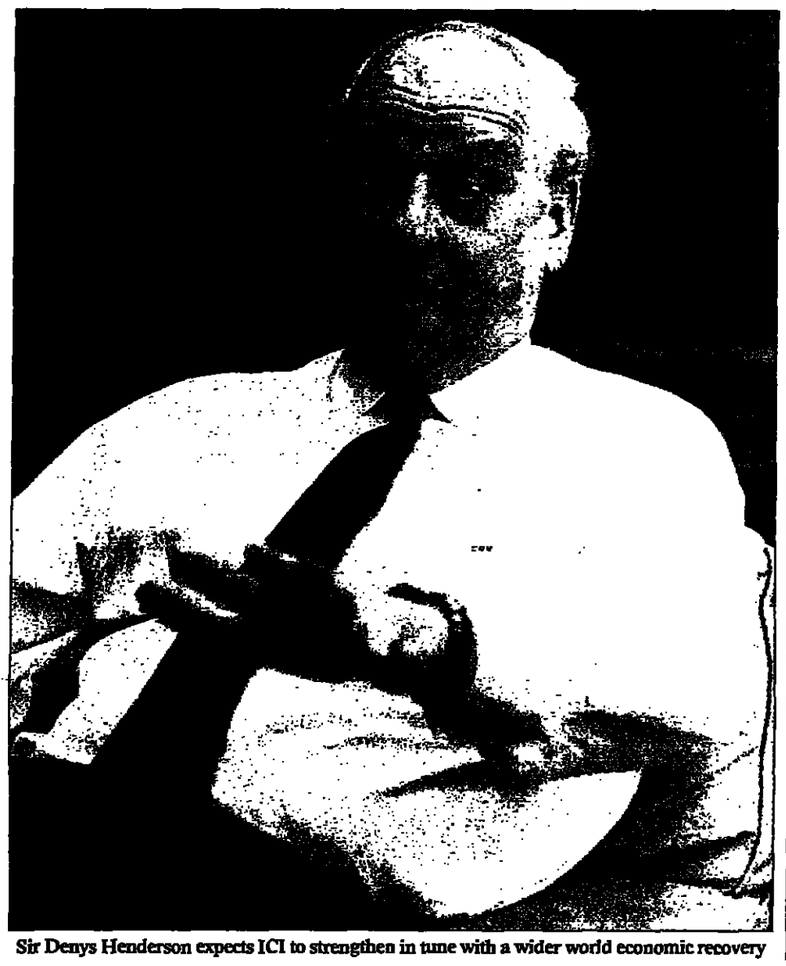
Industrial chemicals was the star performer, trading profits rising 75 per cent to £42 million. The division not only benefitted from the contribution from the Taiwan PTA plant but also the growing demand for Klea, ICI's CFC replacement. The group is looking at ways of doubling the production from its Klea plants and reducing the cost of building them.

The only division where profits fell was regional (overseas) businesses, which fell 10 per cent to £18 million.

Mr Hampel said the group would never be satisfied with its reorganisation, and is urging staff to look at ways of enhancing profits and saving working capital. The group is expected to continue to search for buyers of its non-core interests and also look for joint venture partners in other areas where it does not have market leadership.

☐ *BASF capped a week of bullish first quarter results from Germany's big three chemical groups with its report of a 46.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to DM349 million. Group sales were up 2.1 per cent at DM11.27 billion.*

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Sir Denys Henderson expects ICI to strengthen in tune with a wider world economic recovery

Hobson to buy food-making arm of CWS

By Susan Gilchrist

HOBSON, the stock market vehicle of Andrew Regan, the 28-year-old entrepreneur, is buying the food manufacturing arm of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) for £111 million.

Hobson is launching a £73 million rights issue and public offer to help to finance the deal, which has been widely expected for some months.

The offer is priced at 27p, the level at which Hobson's shares have been suspended from dealing since February 10. The remainder of the purchase price will be funded by bank debt.

Loss-making Hobson is effectively a quoted "shell" company set up by Mr Regan specifically for this transaction. The food operations of CWS supply a range of own-label grocery products, including tea, coffee, biscuits, canned foods and drinks,to its own stores and other leading supermarkets.

The business, which employs about 2,300 people in ten locations, made pre-tax profits of £9.8 million on sales of £304 million in the year to January 8. Net assets at the year-end stood at £71 million. Operating profits have fallen from £27.3 million to £18.6 million since 1991, reflecting the decline in CWS's share of the food retailing market.

Mr Regan said there was considerable scope to improve sales to other big supermarkets, which have been reluctant to deal with an own-label supplier that is a subsidiary of a rival retail chain.

Business with these customers, which include Sainsbury, Tesco, Safeway and Asda, has ready grown from about 12 per cent to 27 per cent of sales during the past two years. Mr Regan forecast that this should rise to 70 per cent.

Hobson will retain its links with CWS and has negotiated a three-year exclusive contract to supply its stores.

Mr Regan believes that the company should be able to lift margins from the present 3 per cent to the industry average of about 6 per cent within two years.

Annual cost savings of £7.7 million have been identified although Mr Regan refused to be drawn on the extent of job losses.

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Airtours shares slide after £82m cash call

AIRTOURS, Britain's biggest holiday operator, is funding its latest acquisition, the biggest tour company in Scandinavia, by means of a £82 million rights issue (Martin Waller writes).

The news sent the Airtours share price, which slumped on Wednesday when the £74 million purchase of SAS Leisure became known, into a further reverse of 24p to 424p.

David Crossland, the chairman, said the company had gone the rights issue route despite having £124 million in the bank at the end of March because the group's hefty growth programme in recent years had eroded the asset base, which could cause problems for Airtours with travel industry regulatory bodies. "The cash isn't necessarily a problem for us," he said. "It's a balance sheet issue, rather than a cash issue." The issue is at 390p on a one-for-five basis.

The purchase of SAS Leisure from the Scandinavian airline SAS will swell Airtours' customer base to more than 3 million. It will also add 14 hotels to the one that the group already owns.

SAS Leisure has lost money for the past two years, hit by the recession in Scandinvia, but the market is on a recovery track and Airtours is convinced the purchase will be earnings-enhancing from completion.

Airtours has warned that seasonal half-year losses to be reported in June will not exceed £18 million after one-off profits of £3.5 million, sharply higher than £6.9 million last time because of the growth in size of the business.

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Proposed 1 for 3 Rights Issue of 2,611,193 New Ordinary Shares at 125p per share underwritten by Greig Middleton & Co. Limited and Introduction to the Official List

Share Capital

Following the Rights Issue the Share Capital of VTR plc will be as follows:-

Authorised £		Issued and Fully Paid £
696,319	ordinary shares of 5p each	522,239

The Company provides video post-production facilities.

Particulars relating to the Company are available during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturday and Public Holidays excepted) from the Company Announcement Office, London Stock Exchange Tower, Capel Court Entrance, off Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 1HP, by collection only up to and including 3rd May, 1994, and during normal business hours (excluding Saturday), up to and including 23rd May, 1994 from the registered office of the Company at 100 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1DD and:-

Greig Middleton & Co. Limted
66 Wilson Street
London EC2A 2BL

29th April 1994

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to shareholders that following a Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 27th April, 1994, a Dividend for the year 1993 of DM. 11.00 per share of DM. 50 nominal will be paid as from 28th April, 1994 against delivery of Coupon No. 53.

All dividends will be subject to deduction of German Capital Yields Tax of 25%.

The net amount of dividend is payable in German Marks. Paying Agents outside Germany willl pay in the currency of the country in which the Coupon is presented at the rate of exchange on the day of presentation.

Coupon No. 53 may be presented as from 28th April, 1994 at the Company's Paying Agent in the United Kingdom:-

S.G.Warburg & Co. Ltd
2 Finsbury Avenue,
London EC2M 2PA

from whom claim forms may be obtained.

United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at the rate of 5% (5 pence in the £1) unless claims are accompanied by an affidavit.

German Capital Yields Tax deducted in excess of 15% is recoverable by United Kingdom residents. The Company's United Kingdom Paying Agent will, upon request, provide the appropriate form for such recovery.

Leverkusen
27th April, 1994 BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Notification of Dividend

The Annual General meeting held on April 28, 1994 confirmed the distribution of a dividend of DM 8 per share of nominal value DM 50 for the financial year 1993.

The dividend will be paid on or after April 29, 1994 net of 25 % withholding tax against submission of dividend coupon No. 12 as appropriate at one of the paying agents listed in issue No. 81,dated April 29, 1994 of the German "Bundesanzeiger" (Federal Gazette).

In accordance with the Double Taxation Agreement of November 26, 1964, as amended on March 23, 1970, between the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany, withholding tax in respect of shareholders resident in the United Kingdom is reduced from 25 % to 15 %.
To claim this reduction, shareholders must submit an application for reimbursement before December 31, 1998, to the Bundesamt für Finanzen, Friedhofstr. 1, D-53225 Bonn.

In the United Kingdom the dividend payment, which is free of charge, will be made in Pounds Sterling with conversion from Deutschmarks at the rate prevailing on the day of submission of the dividend coupon and will take place through the London offices of the following Companies:

S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.,
33 King William Street,
London EC4R 9AS.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited,
23 Great Winchester Street,
London EC2P 2AX.

The Board of Executive Directors
BASF Aktiengesellschaft

D-67056 Ludwigshafen/Rhine
April 29, 1994

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New York decline puts the skids under shares in London

WALL Street continued to dictate the course of events in London, where the stock market ended lower on the day after early gains were reversed.

The FT-SE 100 index saw an early lead of more than 17 points wiped out as Wall Street resumed trading in negative territory after Wednesday's national day of mourning for Richard Nixon. The Dow Jones industrial average suffered an early 20-point loss, which in turn put the skids under investors in London, who were already beginning to unwind before the Bank holiday weekend. In the event, the index in London closed near its low for the day, ending 20.1 down at 3,129.9.

Trading was thin, with a

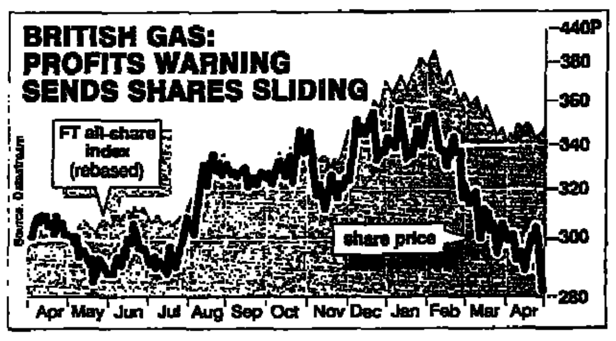
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few specialist situations accounting for many of the 756 million shares that changed hands. Prices had enjoyed an early mark-up as several of the big securities began buying the future. But the withdrawal of their support coincided with early falls in New York after publication of US gross domestic product figures.

A total of 37 million shares were traded in **Lasmo**, with the ordinary falling 4½p to 158p and the nil-paid a similar amount to 53p as **Enterprise Oil** duly launched its bid for the company after pressure from the Takeover Panel. Enterprise is offering 27 A shares and 12 warrants for every 80 Lasmo shares, valuing the entire company at £1.44 billion.

Enterprise, down 19p at 424p, said the merger would create a world-class exploration and production company. Lasmo said the bid was unwelcome and at a discount to the market price. It urged rejection of the offer.

Meanwhile, the speculators are continuing to sit tight, convinced that the move by Enterprise will force at least one other predator to show its hand. British Gas, which launched a dawn raid on Lasmo a few years back, Atlantic Richfield and Elf Aquitaine continue to be mentioned as possible suitors. Interest was shown in the rest of the oil sector, which is still benefiting from takeover talk and the firmer oil price. **BP** touched 402p before ending the session 8p cheaper at 391p, with 12 million shares traded. **Shell** fell 7p to 729p after its subsidiary reported a drop in first-quarter net profits from $239 million to $179 million.



A total of 26 million shares in British Gas were traded as the price tumbled 15p to 280p after Richard Giordano, the chairman, warned shareholders at the annual meeting that there would be a decline in underlying profitability this year. He said that first quarter profits, due out on May 19, were likely to be similar to last time's.

Dealers reported heavy trading, 17 million shares, in **Pentos** nil-paid, unchanged at 1¾p. The ordinary held steady at 27p.

ICI dropped 21p to 832p in the wake of first-quarter figures showing pre-tax profits up 31 per cent at £93 million before exceptional gains. The group said the performance reflected the benefit of cost-cutting measures. Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said he was looking for further improvement as the world economy strengthened.

Vickers enjoyed an early lead before finishing all-square at 199p. Smith New Court, the broker, is said to be recommending the shares to clients.

Glaxo firmed 5p at 569p after announcing plans to start legal proceedings in the US against three pharmaceutical companies for infringements of patents relating to Zantac, its anti-ulcer drug. The companies include Geneva Pharmaceuticals and Interchem Trading of the US and Unión Química Farmacéutica of Spain.

First-time dealings in **Oxford Molecular**, the computer-assisted molecular designer, went well. The shares, offered at 80p, ended at 84p for a premium of 4p.

Superscape's debut was also encouraging, with the shares offered at 198p and closing on a high of 261p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** saw early gains wiped out as profit taking in US bonds on the back of the latest productivity figures spilled over into London. The June series of the Long Gilt ended the session £25/32 lower at £106 1/16 as 94,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, the medium and longer end bore the brunt of falls with benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 falling £29/32 to £110 3/16. In shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was only five ticks lower at £106 31/32.

□ **WALL STREET:** The Dow Jones industrial average was 16.06 points lower at 3,683.48 by midday.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5083 (+0.0016)
German mark .... 2.5181 (-0.0019)
Exchange index .... 80.4 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3129.9 (-20.1)
Dow Jones .... 3683.48 (-16.06)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19725.25 (-3.90)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5¼-5⅛%
US Federal Funds 3⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.89-3.88%*
Long Bond 7.20%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5080*	£:$	1.5071
$:DM	1.6672*	£:DM	2.5155
$:SWfr	1.4200*	£:SWfr	2.1386
$:Ffr	5.7188*	£:Ffr	8.6140
$:Yen	101.75*	£:Yen	153.71
£:SDR	1.0655	£:ECU	1.3026

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 373.20 .... PM 373.35
Close 375.20-375.70
New York:
Comex 375.80-376.30*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $15.40 per bbl (Jun)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 142.5 Mar (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	18.68	17.18
Belgium Fr	54.98	50.58
Canada $	2.180	2.020
Cyprus Cyp£	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.50	9.70
Finland Mkk	8.83	8.03
France Fr	9.09	8.39
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	387.50	362.50
Hong Kong $	12.28	11.28
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2505.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	169.00	152.00
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlds Gld	2.976	2.746
Norway Kr	11.51	10.71
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	213.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.27	11.47
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	0	45853.0
USA $	1.603	1.473

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Go-Ahead drives to market

GO-AHEAD Group, the bus operator based in Gateshead, is coming to the stock market through a share placing that will capitalise it at £40.1 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Go-Ahead, of which Martin Ballinger is the managing director, is Britain's fifth-largest private-sector bus operator, with more than 1,000 vehicles and 3,500 employees. In the 53 weeks to last July 3, it achieved turnover of £50.1 million and operating profits of £2.9 million before exceptional costs. Interim figures for the period to January 1 show turnover of £26.3 million and operating profits of £2.04 million before costs.

The issue of new shares at 120p each will raise £12 million and will help to repay borrowings arising from acquisitions.

Existing shareholders are selling 6.6 million shares, raising £7.9 million. After flotation, executive directors will have a 34 per cent interest. Dealings begin on May 9.

□ DRS Data and Research Services, an automated data capture specialist, is coming to market through a placing of new shares at 110p each, raising £15 million before expenses and capitalising the group at £39.2 million.

Hi-Tec Sports puts best foot forward

By Susan Gilchrist

CONTINUED growth of the rugged outdoor shoe market helped Hi-Tec Sports, the sports footwear and leisurewear manufacturer, to return to the black.

The Essex-based company chaired by Frank Van Wezel made a pre-tax profit of £1.1 million in the year to January 31, compared with a loss of £8.3 million last time. Peter Butler, the finance director, said the company's hiking brands — Hi-Tec, Magnum and 50 Peaks — had benefited from the shift away from fashion sneakers towards rugged outdoor footwear. About half of group sales now come from the latter, compared with 34 per cent a year ago.

Profits in North America more than doubled and sales rose by more than 40 per cent, well ahead of the 25 per cent increase in the overall market. Mr Butler predicted further "substantial" growth.

The British operation returned to profit after a reduction in the oversupply of footwear that has blighted the market in recent years. Mr Butler said prices had stabilised, though they had not returned to the levels that



Racing ahead: Frank Van Wezel, left, and Peter Butler

prevailed before the recent price war. Recession kept the European business in the red but the company expects growth to resume this year.

Current sales are ahead of last year's, though margins are under pressure. Mr Butler said the sports retail market in Britain remained "bumpy" and the Magnum brand had declined in North America. A final dividend of 1.5p (1.0p) makes a total of 2.75p (2.0p).

GM result exceeds expectation

General Motors, benefiting from a surging car market and continued cost cuts, reported a better than expected first quarter profit of $854 million. The carmaker said earnings to March 31, equal to 81 cents a share, came despite a one-off charge of $758 million, or $1.05 a share, for a change in accounting for disability benefits. The stronger results compared with profits of $513.2 million, or 42 cents a share, a year earlier.

International operations earned $425 million in the quarter ($141 million). GM, the world's largest industrial company, has been steadily improving its operations. After losing billions of dollars over the past few years, it returned to the plus side late last year, earning $2.5 billion.

VTR rights

VTR, the television post-production specialist, is raising £2.95 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. The company, whose shares trade on the Unlisted Securities Market, has applied for admission to the official list. Shareholders are offered one new share for every five held at 125p each. Existing shares were unchanged at 146p yesterday. VTR also announced an increase in interim pre-tax profits to £696,847 in the six months to February 28 (£202,143). The dividend is 1.45p (1.2p).

Monarch delay

Monarch Resources, which aims to raise approximately $30 million gross from Canadian investors through a share issue that will facilitate a listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange, has put back its proposed share issue by between two and four weeks. It says volatile market conditions which have seen Canadian gold shares fall by up to 17 per cent in the wake of a weaker gold price are to blame.

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 26 close
AMP Inc	63	61¼
AMR Corp	59¾	60
AT & T	52¾	52¾
Abbott Labs	28¾	28¾
Aetna Life	52¾	53¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	18¾
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43¾
Albertson's	28¾	28¾
Alcan Alumni	21¼	21¼
Alco Standard	51	50¾
Allied Signal	34¾	34¾
Alum Co of Am	67¾	68¾
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	7¼
Amerada Hess	50¾	51¼
Amer Brands	33¾	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	47¾	47¾
Amer El Power	32	32¾
Amer Express	29¾	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	26¾	25¾
Amer Home Pr	58¾	58¾
Amer Intl	87	88¾
Amer Stores	25	24¾
Ameritech	40¾	41¾
Amoco	56¾	56¾
Anheuser-Busch	54¾	54¾
Apple Computer	31¾	31¾
Archer Daniels	23	22¾
Arkla	6¾	6¾
Armco	4¾	4¾
Armstrong Wrld	54¾	54¾
Asarco	23¾	23¾
Ashland Oil	39¾	39¾
Atl Richfield	96¾	97¾
Auto Data Pro	51¼	51¼
Avery Dennison	28¾	28¾
Avon Products	58¾	59¾
Baker Hughes	18¾	18¾
Baltim Gas & El	23¾	23¾
Banc One	32¾	32¾
BankAmerica	43¾	43
Bank of NY	54¾	54¾
Bankers Tr NY	67¾	67¾
Barnett Banks	45¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	45¾	45¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	23¾
Bectn-Dicknsn	37¾	37
Bell Atlantic	53¾	53¾
BellSouth	61¼	61¼
Black & Decker	18¾	18¾
Block (H&R)	42	42¾
Boeing	44¼	44¾
Boise Cascade	21¼	21¼
Borden Inc	13	13¾
Bristol-Myrs Sq	52¾	53
Browning Ferris	28¾	28¾
Brunswick	22¾	21¼
Burlington Nthn	56¾	55¾
CBS	299¾	298¾
CNA Financial	64¼	64¾
CPC Intl	48¾	48¾
CSX	78¾	78¾
Campbell Soup	39¾	40
Can Pacific	16¼	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	709¾	712¾
Cptl Holdings	29¾	29¾
Carolina Pwr	26¾	26¾
Caterpillar	109¾	110¾
Central & SW	25¾	26
Champion Intl	29¾	29¾
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¾
Chemical Bk	35¾	35¾
Chevron Corp	89	90¾
Chrysler	49¾	49¾
Chubb Corp	76¾	77¾
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Citicorp	36¾	37¾
Clorox	50¾	50
Coastal Corp	31¾	32¾
Coca Cola	41¼	40¾
Colgate-Palmolive	58¾	58¾
Columbia Gas	27¾	28
Commonw Ed	25¾	25¾
Compaq Comp	111¼	111¼
Comp Ass Intl	30¾	30¾
Conagra	28¾	28¾
Cons Edison	30¾	30¾
Cons Nat Gas	39¾	39¾
Cons Rail	56¾	56¾
Cooper Inds	37¾	37¾
Corning Inc	31¼	31¼
Crown Cork	36¾	36¾
Dana Corp	53¾	53¾
Dayton Hudson	75¾	74¾
Deere	78	78¾
Delta Air Lines	43¾	43¾
Deluxe Corp	27¾	27
Detroit Edison	26¾	26¾
Digital Equip	21¼	20¾
Dillard Dept St	33¾	33¾
Disney (Walt)	42¾	43¾
Dominion Res	41¾	42
Donnelley (RR)	27¾	28¾
Dover Corp	55¾	55¾
Dow Chemical	63¾	63
Dow Jones	38¾	38¾
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	36¾	36¾
Dun & Brdstreet	59	59¾
Du Pont	57¾	57¾
Eastman Kodak	41¼	41¼
Eaton Corp	54¾	54¾

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 26 close
Emerson Elec	57¾	57¾
Engelhard Corp	26¾	25¾
Enron Corp	30¾	30¾
Entergy	32¾	32¾
Ethyl Corp	12	11¾
Exxon	62¾	62¾
FMC Corp	47¾	47¾
FPL Group	34¾	35¾
Federal Express	73¾	73¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	83¾
First Chicago	52¾	53¾
First Interstate	78¾	77¾
First Union Rlty	7	7¼
Fleet Finl Grp	36¾	36¾
Fluor Corp	50¾	50¾
Ford Motor	57¾	57¾
GTE Corp	32¾	32¾
Gannett	52¾	52¾
Gap Inc Del	46¾	47¾
Gen Dynamics	39¾	40¾
Gen Electric	97	96
Gen Mills	52	52¾
Gen Motors	56¾	56¾
Gen Reinsurance	111¼	112¾
Gen Signal	32¾	32¾
Genuine Parts	35¾	35¾
Georgia Pac	59¾	59¾
Gillette	66¾	66¾
Glaxo ADR	17	16¾
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	45¾
Goodyear Tire	40¾	40¾
Grace (W&R)	41¼	41¼
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	29¾	30
Harcourt General	32¾	32¾
Heinz (HJ)	32¾	33¾
Hercules	108¾	108¾
Hershey Foods	45¾	46
Hewlett Packard	79¾	79¾
Hilton Hotels	56¾	56¾
Home Depot	41¾	41¾
Homestake Mng	18¾	18¾
Honeywell	32	31¾
Household Intl	30¾	31¾
Houston Inds	35¾	36¾
Humana	19	19¾
ITT Corp	87¾	89
Illinois Tool	40¾	40
INCO	24	26
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	35¾
Inland Steel	34¾	34¾
Intel Corp	62	63¾
IBM	57¾	58¾
Intl Flav & Fr	36¾	36¾
Intl Paper	64¾	63¾
James River Vs	17¾	17¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	40¾
Kellogg	51¾	50¾
Kerr-McGee	45	46¾
Kimberly-Clark	54¾	55
Kmart	16¾	16¾
Knight-Ridder	59¾	59¾
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	49¾
Limited Inc	18¾	18¾
LIN Brdcstng	105¾	104¾
Lincoln Nat	38¾	37¾
Litton	30¾	30¾
Liz Claiborne	25¾	25¾
Lockheed	61¼	61
Louisiana Pac	32¾	31¾
MCI Commun	23¾	22¾
Mallinckrodt	33¾	32¾
Marriott Int	29¾	29¾
Marsh & McLnn	84¾	84¾
Masco Corp	29¾	29¾
May Dept St	40¾	41
Maytag Corp	18¾	19¾
McCaw Cellular	49¾	49
McDonalds	60	59¾
McDonnell D	113	112¾
McGraw Hill	65¾	65¾
Mead Corp	41	41¾
Medtronic	75¾	75¾
Mellon Bk	55¾	56¾
Melville Corp	39¾	39¾
Merck Inc	29¾	30¾
Merrill Lynch	36¾	36¾
Minnesota Mine	49¾	48¾
Mobil Corp	78¾	79¾
Monsanto	80¾	81
Morgan (JP)	62¾	62
Motorola Inc	45¾	45¾
Natl Medical	16¾	16¾
Natl Semi	20¾	20
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	19¾	19¾
NBD Bancorp	28¾	28¾
NY Times A	25¾	25
Newmont Mng	41¼	40¾
Niag Mohawk	18¾	18¾
Nike B	54¾	54
NL Industries	6¾	6¾
Nordstrom	41	41
Norfolk Sthrn	63¾	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	41¾	41¾
Norwest Corp	25	25¾
Nynex Corp	36¾	36¾
Occidental Pet	17¾	17¾
Ohio Edison	18¾	18¾

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 26 close
Oracle Systems	29¾	30¾
Oryx Energy Co	17	17
Owens Corning	34¾	34¾
PNC Financial	27¾	28¾
PPG Industries	74¾	75¾
Paccar Inc	53¾	53
Pacificorp	17¾	18
Pac Enterprises	22¾	22¾
Pac Gas & Elect	26¾	26¾
Pac Telesis	31¼	32¾
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	20¾	20¾
Parker Hannifin	42¾	42¾
Penn Energy	28	28
Penney (JC)	54¾	53¾
Pennzoil	49¾	49¾
Pepsico	36¾	36¾
Pfizer	58¾	58
Phelps Dodge	54¾	54¾
Philip Morris	54¾	54¾
Phillips Pet	31¾	32
Pitney Bowes	40¾	41¼
Polaroid	31¼	31¾
PriceCostco	14¾	14¾
Procter & Gmbl	56¾	56¾
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	64	65¾
Ralston Purina	36¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	34¾	34¾
Raytheon	63¾	63¾
Reebok Intl	31¼	31¾
Reynolds Metals	42¾	43¾
Roadway Srvcs	69¾	67¾
Rockwell Intl	38¾	39
Rohm & Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	110¾	109¾
Rubbermaid	26¾	26¾
Safeco Corp	53¾	53
St Paul's Cos	80¾	80¾
Salomon Inc	48¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	22	22¾
Sara Lee Corp	20¾	20¾
Scecorp	15¾	15¾
Schering Plough	60¾	60¾
Schlumberger	55¾	55¾
Scott Paper	41¼	40¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	46¾	46¾
Shell Trans	66	65¾
Sherwin Wlms	31¾	32¾
Skyline Corp	19¾	19
Snap-On-Tools	37¾	37¾
Southern Co	19¾	19¾
Swestern Bell	42¾	42¾
Sprint Corp	36¾	36¾
Stanley Works	38¾	39
Sun Company	33¾	33¾
Sun Microsys	22¾	22¾
Suntrust	45¾	46
Supervalu	31¾	31¾
Syntex Corp	14	13¾
Sysco Corp	26	25¾
TRW Inc	64¾	65¾
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	33¾	33¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	16¾	16¾
Temple Inland	47	46¾
Tenneco	51¼	51¼
Texaco	63¾	64¾
Texas Inst	74¾	75¾
Texas Utilities	35¾	35¾
Textron	52¾	52¾
Time Warner	36¾	36¾
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¾
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	37¾	37¾
Toys R Us	34¾	34¾
Transamerica	50	50¾
Travelers	34¾	34¾
Tribune	63¾	63¾
Tyco Labs	46¾	46
UST Inc	27¾	27¾
UAL Corp	128	127¾
USX Marathon	16¾	17¾
Unilever NV	112¾	113
Union Camp	43¾	43¾
Union Carbide	29¾	26¾
Union Pacific	58	58¾
Unisys Corp	11¾	11¾
USAir Group	8¾	8¾
USF&G Corp	13	12¾
US Life	37¾	38¾
US West	41¾	41¾
United Tech	63¾	63¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	28
Upjohn	36¾	36¾
VF Corp	49¾	50¾
WMX Tech	25¾	25¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	67	66¾
Wells Fargo	143¾	144
Westinghouse El	11¾	11¾
Weyerhaeuser	41	40¾
Whirlpool	56¾	56¾
Whitman	15¾	15¾
Winn Dixie	46¾	47¾
Woolworth	16¾	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51¾	51¾
Xerox	100¾	96¾

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust High Inc (100)	101	+½
Abtrust Scot Wts	10	...
Ashanti Gold	£14¼	...
Capital Shop C'tre	225½	...
Chester Water	£82½	...
Edinburgh Inca	49	+½
Fiscal Props (78)	80	+1
Gartmore Brit Inc	104	...
Gartmore Brit Uts	212	...
Govett Global Smlr	481	...
Groupe Chez Grd (110)	113	...
House of Fraser (180)	189	...
Mercury Euro Wts	34½	...
Nottingham (155)	162	-1
Oxford Molecular (80)	84	...
Partco (200)	236	+3
Persona (160)	176	...
Piper Euro Smaller (100)	95	+1
Piper Euro Wts	34	...
Secure Retirement	55	+1
Siam Select Wrts	28	+1
St James Beach Htls (120)	131	...
Superscape VR (198)	261	...
Templton Emg C	103	+1
Undervalued Asts (100)	101	+½
Wainhomes (170)	159	...
Wellington (205)	220	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Abtrust Scotland n/p	1½	...
Albert Fisher n/p (52)	4	+1½
Brit Bio-Tech Uts n/p (£16)	215	-6
CALA n/p (116)	9	...
Dale Electric n/p (55)	9	-3
Era n/p (9)	¼	...
Guinness Peat n/p (25)	9½	...
Holliday Chem n/p (180)	44	+2
IAF n/p (33)	1	-½
LASMO n/p (105)	53	-4½
McCarthy & Stone n/p (58)	4½	-½
Misys n/p (425)	66	+2
Mowlem n/p (100)	6½	...
Pentos n/p (25)	1¾	...
Shandwick n/p (45)	5½	...
Simon Eng n/p (100)	25	...
Try Group n/p (23)	4	...

RISES:

Utd Friendly .... 535p (+20p)
JW Spear .... 720p (+90p)
Br Bio-Tech .... 411p (+26p)
Eurotunnel Uts .... 504p (+19p)
Compco .... 350p (+65p)
Charter .... 742p (+23p)

FALLS:

Airtours .... 424p (-24p)
ICI .... 831p (-22p)
David Brown .... 263p (-23p)
Enterprise .... 424p (-21p)
Lloyds Abbey .... 382p (-19p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,300	Caradon	4,200	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Sears	4,300
Abbey Natl	6,000	Carlton Cm	1,400	MEPC	1,500	Svrn Trent	2,200
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Coats Vyla	3,100	Marks Spr	4,400	Shell Trans	2,900
Argyll Gp	3,300	Cm Union	1,100	NFC	1,300	Siebe	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Courtaulds	1,100	NatWst Bk	6,200	SmKl Bch	2,900
AB Foods	695	De La Rue	289	Nat Power	906	Smith Nph	869
BAA	701	Eastern Elec	721	Nth Wst W	754	Southern Elec	798
BAT Inds	4,500	Enterpr Oil	3,700	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	483
BOC	1,000	Forte	815	Pearson	1,000	Sun Allnce	2,500
BP	12,000	GRE	2,400	PowerGen	477	TI Gp	3,700
BTR	5,500	GUS	1,000	Prudential	2,900	TSB	2,600
BT	4,100	Gen Acc	764	RMC	203	Tarmac	2,200
Bk of Scot	1,000	Gen Elec	3,900	RTZ	600	Tesco	4,200
Barclays	1,900	Glaxo	5,700	Rank Org	5,600	Thames W	1,500
Bass	3,700	Granada	1,400	Reckitt Col	419	Thrn EMI	1,000
Blue Circle	2,600	Grand Met	2,600	Redland	389	Tomkins	9,700
Boots	1,000	Guinness	6,500	Reed Intl	1,800	Unilever	761
Bowater	2,000	HSBC	2,800	Rentokil	2,500	Utd Bisc	2,300
Brit Aero	344	Hanson	8,300	Reuters	1,800	Vodafone	5,200
Brit Airwys	4,300	ICI	3,800	Rolls Royce	4,900	Warburg (SG)	953
Brit Gas	26,000	Inchcape	730	Ryl Ins	2,300	Wellcome	2,300
Brit Steel	2,200	Kingfisher	1,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Whitbread	927
Burmah Cast	242	Ladbroke	5,500	Sainsbury	6,500	Wlms Hld	3,700
Cable Wire	2,800	Land Secs	4,400	Scot & New	1,100	Wolseley	373
Cadbury	1,500	Legal & Gn	612	Scot Power	2,400	Zeneca	638

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3683.48 (-16.06)
S&P Composite .... 450.78 (-1.09)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19725.25 (-3.90)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9163.09 (-49.84)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 415.81 (-1.51)

Sydney: AO .... 2069.1 (+9.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2251.22 (-2.35)

FT 30 share: .... 2504.2 (-5.6)

Brussels:
General .... 7711.71 (+80.85)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2150.25 (+2.93)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 695.30 (-2.80)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1583.51 (-6.72)
FT Non Financials .... 1716.64 (-6.64)
FT Gold Mines .... 209.9 (+4.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.41 (-0.33)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.00 (-0.34)
Bargains 26406
SEAQ Volume 756.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 160.90 (+0.17)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 28	August 8

Call options were taken out on 28/4/94: Caverdale Group, Eidos, Klearfold, Tullow Oil.

Put: Navan Resources.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3168.0	3177.0	3115.0	3120.0	13302
Previous open interest: 52892	Sep 94	3183.0	3183.0	3183.0	3138.5	1
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.63	94.65	94.59	94.61	26579
Previous open interest: 488483	Sep 94	94.37	94.40	94.32	94.32	13310
	Dec 94	93.92	93.95	93.84	93.84	14246
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.35	95.35	95.34	95.31	101
Previous open interest: 10186	Sep 94	94.80	94.80	94.79	94.74	85
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.83	94.83	94.78	94.79	26730
Previous open interest: 945324	Sep 94	94.95	94.96	94.91	94.93	30584
Long Gilt	Jun 94	107-10	107-15	105-24	106-02	96199
Previous open interest: 124517	Sep 94				105-06	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.68	112.91	112.67	112.77	2998
	Sep 94	111.85	111.85	111.84	111.77	12
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	95.12	95.47	94.51	94.67	220546
Previous open interest: 181283	Sep 94	94.62	94.90	94.29	94.17	4309
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94				99.80	0
Previous open interest: 1880	Sep 94	0				
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.24	94.25	94.22	94.21	776
Previous open interest: 33707	Sep 94	94.38	94.40	94.33	94.33	435
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	96.14	96.14	96.06	96.09	3383
Previous open interest: 43327	Sep 94	96.12	96.13	96.09	96.09	1034
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.91	113.10	111.60	111.89	54900
Previous open interest: 81257	Sep 94	111.80	111.80	111.10	111.19	132

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.4 (day's range 80.3-80.4).

Mkt Rates for Apr 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8188-2.8340	2.8188-2.8223	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	51.72-51.94	51.72-51.82	par-5ds	2-8ds
Copenhagen	9.8520-9.9030	9.8520-9.8680	⅞-1⅛ds	1⅞-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0265-1.0300	1.0269-1.0298	5-9ds	21-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5139-2.5224	2.5139-2.5171	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Lisbon	257.77-259.06	257.77-258.41	145-188ds	350-392ds
Madrid	204.44-205.74	204.44-204.74	47-58ds	126-146ds
Milan	2402.20-2419.30	2404.20-2408.10	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0693-2.0861	2.0791-2.0820	0.06-0.16ds	0.21-0.32ds
New York	1.5028-1.5092	1.5066-1.5076	0.16-0.14pr	0.37-0.34pr
Oslo	10.8890-10.9420	10.8890-10.9050	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅞-⅛pr
Paris	8.6070-8.6600	8.6070-8.6210	⅞-⅛ds	1⅛-1⅛ds
Stockholm	11.6420-11.7060	10.6420-11.6660	1⅞-2⅞ds	5⅞-7⅛ds
Tokyo	153.39-154.03	153.56-153.85	1⅞-⅞pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.68-17.74	17.68-17.72	⅛-1⅛ds	⅞-1⅞ds
Zurich	2.1371-2.1519	2.1371-2.1401	1⅛-⅛pr	⅞-1⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5040-1.5066
Australia dollar	2.1207-2.1236
Bahrain dinar	0.561-0.573
Brazil cruzeiro *	1761.10-1763.48
Cyprus pound	0.749-0.759
Finland markka	8.102-8.218
Greece drachma	366.75-373.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6447-11.6539
India rupee	46.75-47.71
Kuwait dinar KD	0.442-0.452
Malaysia ringgit	4.0542-4.0584
Mexico peso	4.86-4.96
New Zealand dollar	2.6291-2.6340
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5795-5.7055
Singapore dollar	2.3419-2.3445
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8267-6.9821
S Africa rand (com)	5.3498-5.3685
U A E dirham	5.4655-5.5895

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.4064-1.4074
Austria	11.74-11.75
Belgium (Com)	34.35-34.39
Canada	1.3810-1.3815
Denmark	6.5536-6.5556
France	5.7225-5.7240
Germany	1.6689-1.6696
Hong Kong	7.7245-7.7255
Ireland	1.4642-1.4662
Italy	1599.5-1600.5
Japan	101.90-102.00
Malaysia	2.6908-2.6918
Netherlands	1.8730-1.8750
Norway	7.2398-7.2433
Portugal	171.35-171.50
Singapore	1.5543-1.5550
Spain	135.96-136.06
Sweden	7.7482-7.7557
Switzerland	1.4225-1.4235

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth: 4¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5¼	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5¾
Interbank:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5¼	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5¾
Overnight: open 5¼, close 5¼.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5¼	5⅝	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5¼	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.94	n/a	4.14	4.51	5.13
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Apr 29, 1994 Agreed rates May 25, 1994 to Jun 25, 1994 Schemes III: 6.56%. Reference rate Apr 1, 1994 to Apr 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.286%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅝-4½	4-3¾
Deutschemark:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5
French Franc:	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5¾
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4-3¾	4⅛-3¾
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1¾

Bullion: Open $373.50-373.90 Close: $375.20-375.70 High: $375.20-375.70
Low: $372.80-373.30 Krugerrand: $374.50-376.50 (£248.00-250.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.75-89.75 (£57.75-59.75) New $87.75-89.75 (£57.75-59.75)
Platinum: $389.00 (£258.30) Silver: $5.23 (£3.465) Palladium: $134.75 (£89.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon.	540	51½	60	—	12½	19	—
(*580)	589	21½	32½	—	35½	42	—
Argyll	220	22½	26½	30	11	16	19½
(*234)	240	11½	16½	21	22½	27½	31
ASDA	50	8½	10½	11½	2½	4½	4½
(*55½)	60	3½	4½	6	7½	10½	10½
Boots	500	52½	60	66½	8½	15½	21½
(*543½)	550	19½	30½	39	31	37½	44½
Br Airways	420	26	35½	42	23½	29	34
(*427)	460	11	19	26	49½	53½	58
BP	390	23½	31½	38	18½	24½	29
(*391½)	420	11½	18½	25½	37	42½	46
Br Steel	140	18	22½	26	6	9½	12
(*151½)	160	7	12½	16	16½	20½	23
C & W	450	26½	—	—	26	—	—
(*452½)	475	16	—	—	42½	—	—
CU	550	28½	34½	44	21	31½	31½
(*551½)	600	9½	15	23	55	65	64½
ICI	800	61	72½	85½	22½	37	46½
(*831½)	850	32	47½	60	46	62½	70½
Kingfishr	550	39	51	63	22	31½	38
(*574)	600	17	28½	40½	51	60	66
Land Sec	650	33½	42	49	20½	28	32
(*671½)	700	9½	19	26½	53	57	61½
M & S	420	28½	38	43½	11½	14½	18½
(*440)	460	9½	19	24½	33½	36	39½
Nat West	420	50½	56½	64½	7	16½	17½
(*455½)	460	26½	33	43	23	32	35½
Sainsbury	360	26½	38	43	18	25	27½
(*374½)	390	13	24	28½	36	41½	44½
Shell	700	49	60	68	13	24	29
(*728½)	750	22	33½	42½	35	48½	54
Smkl Bch	360	29	39½	47½	15	23	28½
(*374)	390	15	25½	33½	31½	39	45
Storehse	200	21½	26½	30	6½	9½	12½
(*214)	220	9	15½	19½	16½	19½	23
Trafalgar	106	10½	—	—	10½	—	—
(*106)	115	6½	—	—	16	—	—
Unilever	1050	64	88½	103	20½	29	36½
(*1081)	1100	34½	60	73½	44	52½	59½
Zeneca	650	58	69½	78	13½	25½	31½
(*687)	700	28	41½	51½	35	49½	55½

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Grnd Met	460	15½	32	43	5½	20½	27
(*468)	500	2	14	25	34	44½	50½
Ladbroke	180	7½	17	23½	2½	11	16½
(*183)	200	1½	8½	14½	19	23½	29
Utd Bisc	330	31½	43	51½	1½	8½	13
(*358½)	360	7½	25	34	9½	19½	26½

April 28, 1994 Tot: 42340 Call: 24409 Put: 17931 FT-SE Call: 9740 Put: 5205
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	950	58½	81½	93½	27	41	50½
(*980½)	1000	32	55	67	53½	65½	74½
Thames W	460	31	36½	39½	18	25½	32
(*480)	500	10½	18	22	44½	49½	55½

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAT Ind	460	11	29½	38	9	21½	32½
(*461½)	500	1½	13	22	42	47	58
BTR	390	9	25	34½	5½	16	25
(*396)	420	1½	13	21½	27½	33	42
Br Aero	460	30	60	74	7½	29½	41½
(*483)	500	7½	38½	55	25½	48½	63
Br Telcm	360	19½	29½	35½	1½	12½	17
(*377)	390	3	13	20½	16	30	34
Cadbury	453	35½	—	—	1	—	—
(*484)	493	5½	—	—	13	—	—
Guinness	460	22	37	47	3½	15	23½
(*476½)	500	4	16½	27	27½	36	45
GEC	300	8½	16½	22	4½	16	19½
(*304)	330	1	5	10½	28	37½	40
Hanson	260	16½	22½	26½	1	8	11½
(*275½)	280	3½	11½	16½	8	17	21
LASMO	154	9	17½	20½	5½	12	12½
(*157)	173	3½	—	—	19	—	—
Lucas	200	12½	22	27½	2½	9½	15½
(*209)	220	2½	12	17	13½	20½	27
Pilkingtn	200	11½	20½	26	3	10½	15
(*207)	220	2½	11	17½	15½	22	26
Prudential	300	16½	27½	33	2½	9	15½
(*313½)	330	2	12	18	19½	25	32
Redland	550	12	36	49	11	26½	41
(*551½)	600	1½	16½	28	51½	58½	71½
Royal Ins	260	9½	22½	31½	6½	15½	23½
(*262)	280	3½	14	23	21	27½	35
Tesco	200	16	24	28½	2	7	11½
(*212½)	220	2½	12½	18½	10½	16½	22
Vodafone	500	41	57½	72	2½	17	25
(*538)	550	7½	29	45½	21	41	49
Williams	360	22½	34½	41½	2	10½	15½
(*379½)	390	4	17½	25½	14½	23½	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*3129½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
May	136	94	61	34	17	8
Jun	154	119	89	63	41	27
Jul	176	141	113	86	66	48
Aug	199	165	135	108	86	66
Dec	263	—	203	—	152	—
Puts						
May	12	21	38	65	99	143
Jun	37	50	69	94	123	159
Jul	50	66	87	111	141	174
Aug	68	85	105	128	156	186
Dec	123	—	161	—	209	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	420	31½	43½	51½	7	17½	22½
(*441½)	460	10½	23	32	27	38	42½
Amstrad	30	4	6	7	2	3½	4½
(*32)	35	2	4	5	5	6½	7½
Barclays	500	26½	41½	51½	14	28½	36
(*509)	550	7	19½	30	46½	58½	65
Blue Circ	300	17½	30½	35½	8½	19	23½
(*306½)	330	5½	16½	22½	28	36	41
Br Gas	280	9	16	18½	15½	20	27½
(*280½)	300	3	9½	12	31½	34	41
Dixons	200	17	24	28½	6	15	18
(*210)	220	6½	14½	19½	16½	26	29
Forte	220	25½	34½	35½	3½	8½	11½
(*239½)	240	12½	23	24	11	17	21
Hillsdwn	160	13½	21	24	3½	8	9
(*168½)	180	4½	11	14½	15	19½	20½
Lonrho	140	11	18	23	8½	16	19
(*141½)	160	4	11	15	22½	28½	31½
Sears	130	6	9	12	6	8½	11
(*121½)	130	2½	5½	8	14	15½	17
Thrn Eml	1100	62	87	106½	22	54½	66½
(*1134)	1150	34½	60	79	45	81½	93
Tomkins	240	22	28	32	4½	11½	14
(*256)	260	9½	17	21½	13½	21½	24½
TSB	200	18	24	27½	5	12	15
(*209½)	220	8	14	19	15½	23½	26
Wellcome	500	33	54	63	17	33½	41
(*512½)	550	12	30½	41½	47½	62½	66

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Glaxo	550	49	62	70	23½	43½	50
(*568)	600	25½	38	48	51½	72½	78½
HSBC	700	70½	91	109	32	52½	63
(*728)	750	45½	69	85½	58	78	88
Reuter	5250	32½	43½	—	26	33	—
(*528.0)	5375	26	37	—	33	39½	—

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
R-Royce	180	25	31	35½	1	6½	9½
(*203)	300	6	16	23½	4½	13	18½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Fisons	140	18½	28½	32	4½	9	13½
(*155½)	160	10½	17½	22	13½	19	24

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	550	46	57½	64½	1½	15	24½
(*593)	600	9½	28	39½	16	39½	49½

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	420	22	32½	40½	13½	23½	29
(*431½)	460	6	15	23½	42	48	52½
Scot Pwr	330	30½	44	48½	4	13½	16
(*359)	360	16	26	31½	14	26	30

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee prices on the LCE slipped before strong speculative buying of the July contract in New York filtered through to the London market. There was some relief that Brazil's national monetary council approved the release of 2.4 million bags in stages. New York's influence was also felt by cocoa which steadied in active trade; contrary to the expectations of many participants.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	830-829	Jul	950-947
Jul	856-850	Sep	965-962
Sep	873-872	Dec	980-979
Dec	897-896	Mar	1000-985
Mar	921-920		
May	935-934	Volume:	8492

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1570 SLR	Jan	1489-1488
Jul	1521-1520	Mar	1487-1485
Sep	1502-1501	May	1490-1480
Nov	1498-1496	Volume:	5649

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Jan	unq
Spot: 284.00		Mar	—
May	11.80 SLR	May	—
Jul	12.00-12.30	Jul	—
Sep	unq	Volume:	868

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	303.5-02.5
Spot: 333.90		May	304.0-02.1
Aug	328.0-27.7	Aug	308.0-04.7
Oct	312.5-11.7	Oct	298.5-93.7
Dec	307.0-05.5	Volume:	731

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.75	143.36	126.25
(+/-)	-0.93	+3.04	-1.90
Eng/Wales:	78.90	144.41	125.16
(+/-)	-0.96	-2.67	-2.17
(%)	-52.6	-8.1	-27.0
Scotland:	73.29	134.68	130.57
(+/-)	+1.88	+4.99	-1.03
(%)	-27.2	-16.5	-23.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	113.75
Jun	113.90
Sep	97.10
Nov	97.95
Jan	99.85
Volume:	437

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	100.00
Sep	97.00
Nov	99.10
Jan	100.65
Mar	101.75
Volume:	13

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	263.0	262.8
Nov	unq	90.0
Apr	127.0	131.0
Volume:		63

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 70.75-71.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With an overhang of prompt barrels building up, levels continued to ease.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.60	-0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	15.60	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	15.40	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	16.80	(n/a)
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	16.60	(n/a)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	175 (n/c)	177 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	150 (+2)	151 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	151 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	151 (+1)	153 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	79 (n/c)	81 (n/c)
Naphtha	148 (n/c)	150 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	164.00-65.00	Aug	unq
Jun	unq	Sep	—
Jul	—	Oct	—
		Vol:	95

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	15.43-15.44	Sep	15.29 BID
Jul	15.35-15.37	Oct	15.30 BID
Aug	15.30-15.34	Vol:	35622

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	149.00-49.25	Aug	150.50-51.25
Jun	148.75-49.00	Sep	152.25-52.50
Jul	149.75-50.00	Vol:	12546

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	unq	unq	1381
May 94	1390	1371	1375
Jun 94	1285	1271	1275
Jul 94	1190	1170	1170

Vol: 113 lots. Open int'st: 3256 Index 1397 +11

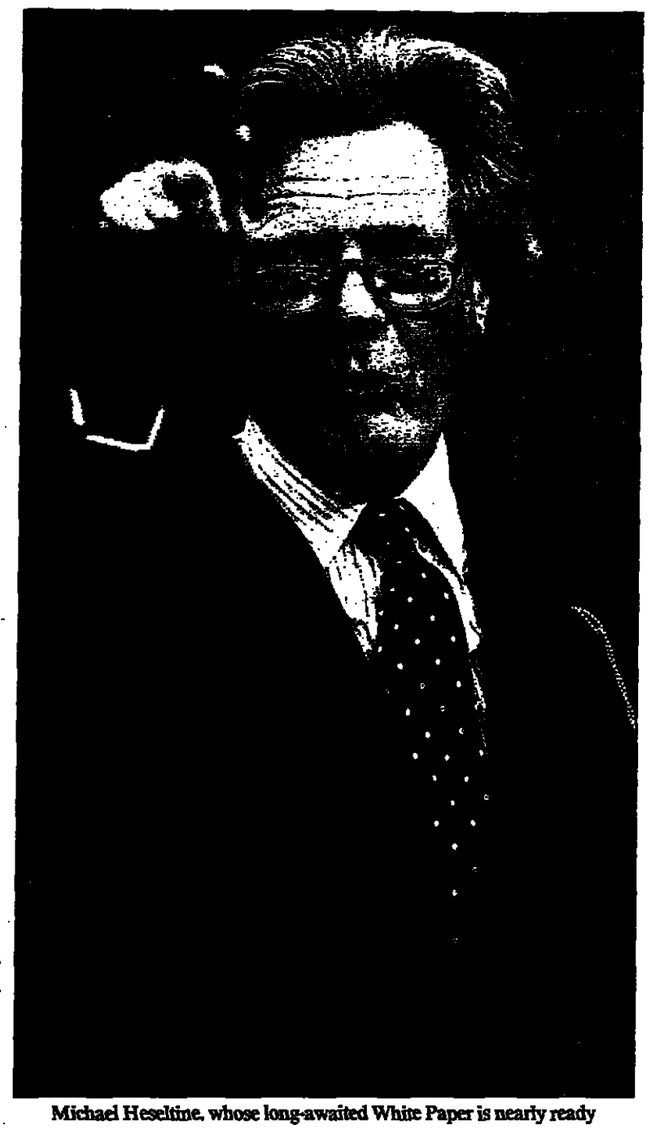
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1909.0-1910.0	1927.0-1928.0	1036825
Lead ($/tonne)	450.50-451.50	465.50-466.00	258450
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	930.00-931.00	950.00-951.00	303250
Tin ($/tonne)	5409.0-5410.0	5470.0-5475.0	21740
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1282.5-1283.0	1307.0-1307.5	915675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5360.0-5361.0	5415.0-5420.0	73230

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UK industrial clock ticks for nearly ready Heseltine

Philip Bassett examines a searching report on manufacturing by the all-party Commons trade and industry select committee



Michael Heseltine, whose long-awaited White Paper is nearly ready

Michael Heseltine is ready — nearly. On Post Office privatisation, on gas competition, on the nuclear review, on selling off British Coal — the President of the Board of Trade's quiverful of political arrows which could, if well shot, be timely interventions in any race for the leadership of the Conservative Party is all nearly ready.

But perhaps the most nearly ready for Mr Heseltine is his long-awaited White Paper on competitiveness. Due in the period between the local government and European elections, and intended as something of a mid-term manifesto and rallying point for a politically beleaguered Government, the trigger for the White Paper was pressed yesterday with the publication of its forerunner — a searching report on manufacturing competitiveness by the all-party Commons trade and industry select committee.

In part, the Department of Trade and Industry's White Paper will take the form of a reply to the report, which is a formidable document. A year in the making, the 146-page report is the product of quizzing 65 witnesses, sifting 188 separate pieces of evidence, and visits ranging from Nissan and Rover in the UK to machine-tool companies in Germany, banks in Taiwan and electronics plants in Korea.

Few disagree with the importance of the issue for British industry and the UK economy. Almost a year ago, the Prime Minister told the CBI: "You create the world-class companies. But in a thousand ways, the decisions that we take in Government can help or hinder you. So we, too, are part of Britain's competitiveness. All our policies — not just our economic policy — need to be focused on the future strength of the British economy."

But emphasising competitiveness is not without its problems. For those Conservatives who oppose Mr Heseltine, it runs the risk of smacking more than a touch too much of unacceptable interventionism instead of the rigours of the free market. Some, indeed, are doubtful that such a concept as "competitiveness" means anything at all. Mr Heseltine, though, has made it his *cri de coeur* since arriving at the DTI. But scrutinising the health, or otherwise, of British manufacturing and the iniquities of UK short-termism is, of course, an old game. Even the trade and industry select committee acknowledges a "strong sense of *déjà vu*".

A game, too, in which it's easy to overlook the UK's strengths. The UK is still the world's fifth-largest manufacturing exporter, its exports per head exceed those of Japan, and — albeit from a low base — in the 1980s its productivity grew faster than any other leading industrial country except Japan. Britain may be less good now at owning manufacturing companies — witnesss BMW's takeover of Rover — but it has regained a substantial part of its ability to manufacture, though the committee's report suggests that most of that improvment has been the result of inward, and especially Japanese, investment in UK manufacturing. But manufacturing, especially among the large companies that peculiarly dominate British industry, damagingly unlike the vital medium-sized firms which are the backbone of industry in Germany, is increasingly an international matter, with only 40 per cent of the turnover of the top 20 UK-owned engineering companies now generated with in the UK. GKN's business, for instance, now divides into a third in the UK and two-thirds overseas — the reverse of the proportions in 1980. Equally, though, noting Britain's competitive strengths should not blind anyone to its large-scale problems, set out in detail in the report. At a CBI conference this week, business leaders such as Sir Micheal Angus, CBI president, emphasised the strides British firms have made towards achieving their potential to be world-class companies. But a joint IBM-London Business School survey, examined by the select committee makes daunting reading: only 2 per cent of UK companies are world-class, though 42 per cent are contenders capable of being so. The rest were only "promising" (16 per cent), not strong enough (12 per cent), "make-weights" (21 per cent) or worst of all, "punchbags" (7 per cent). Faced with such analysis, the idea that manufacturing no longer matters in Britain — or the more sophisticated version that Britain is simply de-industrialising sooner than Japan or Germany as manufacturing shifts to the tigers of East Asia — looks hollow, the committee says. Manufacturing, though only around a fifth of UK GDP, provides more than three-fifths of UK exports, compared with less than 25 per cent for services. The committee says that unless it can increase its manufactured exports significantly, the UK would require an "almost inconceivable" rate of growth in service exports to achieve a positive trade balance. Research by a joint Cambridge-Harvard group on UK competitiveness calculates that for 1992-2003, even with annual UK economic growth at 2.5 per cent, Britain would still have a balance of payments deficit, which would require a trebling of service exports to bring the account into balance which, in turn, regarding, say, the financial sector, would be equivalent to absorbing the entire current international financial activity of New York and Tokyo.

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MPs on the committee yesterday proposed 33 specific recommendations for dealing with Britain's manufacturing problems — some of them astonishing from a Conservative-dominated committee. While the MPs accept that only manufacturers themselves can create a thriving manufacturing sector, the Government is the focus for many, even though Mark Goyder, programme director for the RSA's two-year study on the form of the company, says: "Many of the common problems that manufacturing and other companies face can only be addressed if you stand outside the blame game."

Even so, the blame game features in a substantial slice of the committee's recommendations, which range from loan guarantee schemes to environmental regulation and from changes in the tax system to alternative ways of funding pensions. They, in effect, take up John Major's point to the CBI and require action from the Government — some of which will be highly awkward for Mr Heseltine's White Paper:

☐ Intervention. Taking as its cue the reality of the Government, rather than Mr Heseltine's pre-prandial interventionism of his famous conference speech, the committee reluctantly concedes there is little alternative to the present ad hoc interventionism, accepting that it is preferable for satisfactory outcomes to be obtained without overt government intervention, such as Leyland-DAF. But equally, it says, the Government should intervene in industry where the market is unable to provide what is needed.

☐ Public spending. While claiming that many of its proposals would not mean any extra government funding, the committee accepts that some — especially on training — would involve money. But the MPs, with the support of Conservatives on the committee, argue that necessary action is so crucial the Government cannot afford not to spend it.

☐ Training. As well as suggesting the DTI, rather than the Department of Employment, takes the lead on training, the committee adopts Labour's policy of compulsory training funded by a payroll levy, urges new tax breaks for training and recommends a thorough review of the value for money of the "enormous" £1.7billion resources now going into Tecs.

☐ Investment. Industry needs "much higher" investment and R&D levels, it says. If the present position of low investment remains, UK manufacturing will remain profitable, but it will not significantly expand. "In our view, what is required is not consistent dividends but consistent investment by industry."

☐ Short-termism. Linked to that is the key question of finance. The DTI says that "there is no conclusive evidence that short-termism is a general problem in UK manufacturing industry", but the MPs do not accept that. There is, they say, "strong evidence of short-termism", citing in support required median rates of return on capital of 21-25 per cent, with median payback periods of 19-24 months.

While City institutions are "not necessarily" responsible, they claim — astoundingly, for the Conservatives on the committee — that had companies such as British Steel, Rolls-Royce and BL-Rover been left to the private sector to finance, Britain would now not have a steel or aero-engine industry, or Rover would not exist. The Government, they say, has "a duty, where necessary, to ensure that the activity of the financial institutions benefits the UK economy as a whole".

The committee is clear about the challenge facing British industry. "There is an unprecedented opportunity to leave behind decades of relative decline and restore UK manufacturing as a whole to a position as a world leader," the MPs says. But while they accept there is "much to applaud" in the Government's policies towards industry, they say too there is much to be done — and not much time to do it in. "The opportunity will be temporary, given the rise of the newly industrialised countries, and action therefore needs to begin urgently. We urge the Government to seize the present opportunity." Over to the nearly ready Mr Heseltine.

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Foolhardy enterprise

BIGGER may seem to be better but in the end quality counts for more. Enterprise yesterday had the good grace to admit that its bid would be dilutive but hinted at measures to reduce the soggy impact of a mountain of junk equity of dubious value. But at the centre of Graham Hearne's grandiose strategy is the notion that the days of the fleet-of-foot small exploration company are passing and that only big boys can hold their own at top table.

Unfortunately for Enterprise, there is big and there is even bigger. In any language, a combined Enterprise/Lasmo is still a minnow compared with Shell or Exxon and cannot hope to compete withe them for business in the former Soviet Republics where up-front bonuses of $400 million are being demanded.

To be fair to Enterprise, its performance stands up well when measured against Lasmo's lamentable record, but that is history. Enterprise's solid finances are not a solution to its long-term problem of replacing production with profitable reserves at an oil price of £10 per barrel. Part of the logic of the bid is the attractions of low cost oil and gas from Lasmo's Liverpool Bay which comes to full production in 1996/7 but at that point an enlarged Enterprise will need to find 64 million new barrels of oil every year to replace its reserves.

In a duff oil market exploration companies are playing a losing game as they sell oil at a discount and scratch around for new prospects with less cash and tighter budgets. Enterprise cannot solve that problem by being bigger and in the absence of a rival cash offer, Lasmo investors should be grateful to sell in the market.

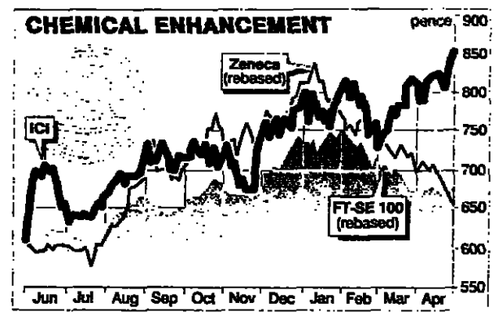
ICI

BUSINESS news junkies have been disappointed if they expected that ICI would follow its demerger with a flood of deals designed to knock its diverse portfolio into shape. Instead the group has beavered away, shedding jobs and spitting out a few unwanted subsidiaries.

The question is whether steady reorganisation can transform a business which is still earning only a 9 per cent return on capital, despite the 31 per cent recovery in first quarter profits, into one which can generate an average of 20 per cent during a full economic cycle. ICI has stripped out its least promising businesses but it is left with many that will never fit Mr Hampel's criteria of market leadership, technological edge or cost competitiveness.

The urgency, however, has clearly gone out of ICI's disposal programme, and probably rightly since the group has several years before such potential victims are exposed to another global recession. Operations such as petrochemicals, polyester film and the 50 per cent stake in EVC are also likely to fetch higher prices after enjoying a spell of recovery.

Instead, ICI's priority is to invest into that recovery. With gearing of 11 per cent it has the resources for internal projects, such as further PTA plants in the Far East and acquisitions in favoured areas like paint and explosives. Such growth would help justify a share price which already fully values ICI's recovery two years hence.



Redrow

TIME to weep for Steve Morgan, chairman of Redrow. The stock market has turned against him in his quest to cash in some of the fortune he has amassed in his housebuilding company, and reduced the company's potential value by £50 million. The penurious Mr Morgan, claiming he knows a bargain when he sees one, has decided to keep an extra £30 million of his money in the company and sell enough shares to raise the small change sum of £62 million.

Envy aside, Redrow compares well with other housebuilders already on the market and is certainly a more dynamic business than Beazer Homes, which floated last month. Careful buying has endowed it with an low-cost land bank, valued at £11,400 a unit. That, together with its use of standard house designs, keeps costs to a minimum and produces a 12 per cent operating margin.

Redrow's 17.1 prospective p/e ratio may not look the bargain of the century that the founder supposes, but it compares with an average of more than 19 among other quality regional builders. Redrow also has generous tax losses from last year's Costain acquisition. These are forecast to push earnings to 10.2p in the current year, cutting the earnings multiple to 13, and making the shares look good value.

Unfortunately, such a windfall has not encouraged the company to be generous with its shareholders, and the 2.7p forecast dividend puts the company on a yield of only 2.5 per cent. As Mr Morgan is still the controlling shareholder, he could have been freer with his company's money.

Hobson

A 28-year-old entrepreneur reverses into an anonymous shell company and suddenly launches a mega-deal funded with forests of paper. Yes we have been here before, in the go-go eighties, which have so thankfully gone-gone.

Andrew Regan's qualifications for running a food manufacturing business with sales of £300 million a year appear limited. Hobson is buying a business more than four times its own size, even at its inflated capitalisation before suspension. A £1.1 million loss for nine months from Hobson's infant personal care and household product business is hardly a sound platform on which to build a food manufacturing empire.

Hobson does not appear to have overpaid for the Co-op's food manufacturing business, since the £111 million price is only a 35 per cent premium to net assets and little more than a third of sales. But, as such companies as United Biscuits and Hillsdown will attest, food manufacturing is hardly the easiest of businesses these days and Mr Regan must somehow undercut his rivals if he really wants to capture market share. Besides, if the CWS business was such a steal, why did no-one else seem interested?

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Burger time for Clinton?

WILL President Clinton be making a sneak appearance in the King's Road in Chelsea this summer? Henry J. Bean, the enigmatic American who founded the eponymous restaurant chain — part of the soon-to-be-floated My Kinda Town group — recently dropped a line to the White House, inviting his "good friend" Clinton to visit the refurbished King's Road branch sometime. "Next time you're here in England drop by and enjoy a cheeseburger with us, I'd certainly love to see you and all the family." To everyone's amazement, it appears that the President is going to play ball. He wrote back, saying: "Thanks ... for your invitation to drop by for a cheeseburger sometime. I will be in England this summer, but, of course, don't know what my schedule will hold. I've shared your letter with Vicki Seidman, my scheduler. Hope to see you soon." Bean — "Hank" to his friends — is not around to comment on the development. He is in Buenos Aires for the opening of the first Henry J. Bean's outside Europe.

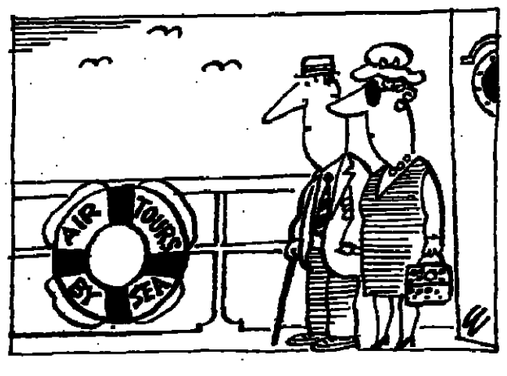
LEATHERHEAD, Surrey, notorious for its lack of parking places for residents, has granted Nynex, the cable television company, temporary planning permission for a car park and four floodlights. Temporary? It will last until March 2009.

Moving on

BIG shake-out at Enskilda Securities, where Richard Martin, head of equity trading and one of the Swedish house's founder members, has handed in his notice after ten years. In another blow, Paul Hart, a second member of the original triumvirate, is tipped to be about to depart for Robert Fleming to join his old teammate Tom Hughes-Hallett — the third in the trio — who quit as chief executive of Enskilda late last year. The firm has also lost Lars Jerlin, head of equity trading in Stockholm, and Michael Clark, Swiss specialist. Calls to Enskilda yesterday met with a frosty "no comment". Martin, 32, starts in June as head of market making and trading at LatInvest, the specialist Latin American house.

Plane fare

SO much for kipper ties. Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former ICI chairman and star of the *Troubleshooter* series, is urging airlines to dish up bangers and mash for passengers. "I think it would be a good idea to do away with attempts at fancy foods on planes," says Sir John, writing in the Jersey European Airways magazine *Flying Colours*.



Game for a laugh

THE stage beckons ... A young City corporate financier has decided to turn his back on the dealing room and try his luck in the world of showbiz. Mark Tughan, who has had spells with Brown Shipley, Nomura and J.O. Hambro Magan, is decamping to Birmingham to launch a stand-up comedy club, called, mysteriously, "The Gag". "It's because we're gagging for it," says Tughan, 26, a witty Ulsterman who has sunk £80,000 into the venture with a handful of partners and was cracking the champagne at a farewell party last night in Kensington, London. "Birmingham doesn't really have anything like this," he adds. "A lot of businessmen go there for the day then leave due to the lack of entertainment." Tughan plans to pick from the top 40-50 stand-up acts in London and may open in other regional centres if the formula proves successful. The Gag opens in September.

Staying cool

DOWN into the bowels of the Savoy Hotel yesterday to dine with Anton Edelmann, the urbane Bavarian chef who has held sway in Auguste Escoffier's famous kitchen for the past 11 years. The setting was suitably manic, with white-coated helpers rushing about to shouted commands, but Edelmann, who wears a trademark pencil in his chef's hat and plays squash most afternoons to let off steam, cut a cool figure amid the chaos. "We make mistakes sometimes, but that's to be expected," he says. "The hotel spends £8,000 to £10,000 a year on complimentary meals for people who have complained, but it's worth it for the goodwill." Staff recall the day a visitor arrived for a meeting with an American called Edelmann who was staying at the Savoy. The visitor was shown into the kitchens by mistake and remained there for some time before anyone realised.

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PO Box 156. Beckenham. Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	94.90	100.70	-0.10	..
Amer Smlr Cos	128.50	137.70	-0.20	...
Cash Trust	50.82	50.82	-0.01	4.50
Convertibles	60.57	64.79	-0.70	5.60
Eastern	220.60	242.10	-2.40	0.10
Equity Income	90.10	93.72	+0.47	4.80
European Growth	301.80	320.80	-2.30	1.00
Europe	221.90	236.10	-1.50	1.00
German Growth	72.93	77.30	-0.02	0.70
Global Bond	65.97	69.57	+0.12	5.30
Global Growth	127.00	135.90	-0.70	..
Japan Growth	233.90	256.90	-0.90	..
Japan Sunrise	196.50	210.10	-1.0	...
Korea Trust	77.65	86.69	-1.38	..
Portfolio	134.10	143.10	+0.70	1.00
UK Growth	96.07	102.20	+0.30	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	97.43	104.20†	-0.60	1.60
Select Managers	75.11	80.52†	+0.40	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street. London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Pmt Inc	81.09	86.27	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.60	59.24	..	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St. London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	175.90	188.10	+2.50	0.65
Dividend	81.36	87.02	-0.58	4.14
Intl Gth & Inc	216.90	232.00	+2.10	2.96
UK & Gen	44.52	47.61	-0.33	1.60
Fund of Funds	66.50	71.12†	+0.01	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street. Glasgow G2 6HR 041 224 6030				
Balanced Growth	108.29	114.59†	-0.60	1.63
Smaller Cos	107.03	113.25	..	0.69
Higher Yield	44.75	47.36†	+0.09	2.91
American Gth Inc	72.58	76.81	-0.20	...
European Growth	139.31	147.44†	-0.79	...
Global Bond Inc	28.64	30.50	-0.09	5.60
Mixed Pfolio Inc	43.75	46.29†	-0.14	1.08
Intl Spec Opps	119.94	126.92	-0.14	0.15
Pacific Grth	134.98	142.64†	-1.16	..
Formerly LAS				
European	95.38	100.94	-0.04	0.45
Extra Income	25.58	27.07	-0.13	3.27
Far East	31.97	33.83	-0.14	0.27
Income & Gwth	78.32	82.88	-0.01	3.56
Intl Growth	58.29	61.68	-0.31	0.26
Japan	68.60	72.59	-0.74	...
Maximum Dist	97.09	99.07	-0.02	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	37.97	40.30	..	0.12
UK Equity	93.46	98.90	-0.68	2.14
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.16	64.99†	-0.17	5.71

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105. Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	153.50	163.40	-0.60	1.38
UK Growth	167.50	178.20	-0.90	1.89
UK Income	133.90	142.50†	-0.30	4.06
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St. Potters Bar. Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	185.60	196.80	+0.90	1.84
-do- Income Dist	107.70	114.10†	+0.30	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.00	43.46	...	6.26
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street. Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	143.50	152.70†	-0.20	..
European Inc	82.05	86.99	+0.47	0.34
Smaller Cos (4-1)	83.63	88.97	+0.01	1.34
Growth	424.50	454.10	+0.40	2.17
Income & Growth	411.70	438.00	-2.30	3.70
Japan & Gen	78.84	83.81†	-0.76	...
Master Portfolio	£105.94	£110.14†	-16.00	1.29
Special Sits	97.68	103.92	+0.09	2.12
High Yield	£13.37	£13.79	+6.00	4.11
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House. Festival Square. Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.77	38.25	+0.08	0.23
Cash Income	50.83	50.83	...	4.99
European Gwth	41.01	43.68	+0.16	0.37
Income & Gwth Inc	27.91	29.85†	+0.38	3.56
Intnl Gwth	31.60	33.79†	+0.16	0.51
Japan Gwth	29.46	31.50	+0.29	...
Managed Tst Inc	49.06	52.46	+0.28	1.55
Oriental Opps Inc	142.00	151.80	-0.90	...
Property Shares	44.76	47.87	+0.07	0.50
Smaller Cos	32.34	34.58	+0.01	1.53
UK Growth Tst	26.01	27.81	+0.17	2.16
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.38	77.41	+0.37	2.02
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.92	71.57	+0.44	2.67
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.57	28.35	-0.10	0.38
European Acc	27.56	29.40	-0.10	0.38
Financial	146.40	156.50	-1.20	1.44
Foundation	91.54	97.90†	+0.46	2.04
German	51.51	55.09	-0.06	...
High Income	76.36	81.66†	+0.40	5.49
Income	136.00	145.40†	-1.20	2.62
Intl Growth				
Mngd Pfolio Inc	106.30	113.60	+1.80	1.02
Mngd Pfolio Acc	203.10	217.20	+3.30	1.02
Monthly Income	85.51	91.45	+2.13	3.77
North American	101.70	108.70	+0.10	...
Orient	153.60	164.20	+1.0	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue. London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.54	87.02	+0.11	2.32
American Portfolio	87.67	93.46	...	1.04
European Portfolio	97.10	103.43†	-0.21	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	73.62	78.29	+0.66	...
Pacific Portfolio	139.45	149.95	-0.09	0.77
UK Inc & Growth	73.32	78.56†	-0.02	3.85
Utility & Bond	52.71	53.38	-0.40	6.71
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey. London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	64.34	68.44	+0.34	2.93
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.91	150.67	...	...
UK Income	113.00	122.71	...	3.83
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	80.87	85.45	...	1.95
Beck Bio-Tech	30.69	32.65	+0.53	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	159.88	168.29	...	1.25
City Fin Assets	73.65	77.53†	...	1.02
City Fin America	78.63	82.77	..	..
City Fin Intl	75.95	79.95†	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	176.63	185.93	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	269.42	285.10	...	2.29
Friars Hse Inc	200.39	213.18	...	4.93
Buckley Wrld Grth	133.39	141.90†	...	0.08
Fairmont Cap Gth	143.30	150.84	+0.23	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.54	121.62	+0.40	1.63
Fairmount Intl	157.25	165.53	-0.07	..
City Fin Pflo Inc	58.02	61.72	+0.35	3.99
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap. London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	54.67	58.01	+0.05	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain. Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	55.33	59.18	+0.10	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.27	40.07	+0.22	0.15
Dragon Growth	70.20	75.08	+0.27	0.45
Equity High Inc	81.64	86.85	+0.30	3.76
European Gwth	50.97	54.22	+0.33	0.67
Evergreen	30.81	32.95	+0.19	...
General Equity	84.51	89.67	+0.50	2.25
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.12	26.39†	+0.06	7.99
Japan Growth	54.78	59.15	-0.35	...
Pedigree Gwth	51.35	54.63	+0.36	2.15
Ped Sm Cos Inc	33.40	35.53	+0.07	0.61
Retirement Inc	25.56	27.48	+0.13	5.54
Special Sits	39.26	41.99	+0.15	1.63
UK & Overseas	48.22	51.30	+0.19	1.02
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime. Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 080				
Capital	64.86	68.64	+0.36	2.36
Income	59.43	62.89	+0.15	3.93
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court. 3 Bedford Park. Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	162.93	173.33†	+0.85	5.10
Fixed & Convertible	42.17	44.86†	+0.05	5.69
Monthly Inc Plus	51.27	54.54†	+0.11	8.22
Preference Share	49.90	53.08†	+0.05	6.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	129.18	137.43†	+0.64	6.80
Managed Fund	68.33	72.69†	-0.38	2.77
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.11	45.86†	+0.07	1.85
UK & General	77.32	82.26†	+0.73	2.63
UK Growth	136.70	145.43†	+1.10	1.61
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	201.30	214.15†	+1.10	...
Far Eastern Grth	135.83	144.50†	+1.21	0.29
Global Bond	81.66	86.81†	+0.52	6.09
Japan Growth	132.89	141.37†	+2.06	...
North Amer Grth	153.35	163.14†	+0.28	...
Oriental Growth	77.41	82.35†	-0.59	...
Worldwide Growth	65.87	70.07†	-0.36	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.68	91.68†	+0.01	4.42
Homemaker Fund	76.82	81.72	+0.32	1.85
Quilter Fund	133.21	141.71	+0.70	2.41
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way. Stevenage. Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	59.16	62.93	+0.49	2.70
High Income	33.94	36.10†	+0.17	4.40
Japan	38.04	40.46	+0.42	..
Smaller Cos Inc	33.08	35.19	+0.10	2.20
Smaller Cos	34.43	36.62	+0.11	2.20
North American	31.97	34.01	+0.05	0.40
European	38.64	41.10	+0.42	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd. London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.46	33.78	+0.30	3.30
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St. Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	146.20	155.60†	+0.70	1.77
Income	74.13	78.87	...	4.81
European	63.31	67.36	+0.42	0.60
Recovery	144.90	154.20†	+0.10	1.29
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill. London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	812.90	926.60	...	3.74
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	71.52	76.09†	+0.41	1.35
Income	234.10	249.10†	+0.80	4.60
Smaller Cos	155.90	165.70	+0.90	1.23
Inv Portfolio	77.95	82.93	+0.48	1.44
High Income Port	67.39	71.70	-0.22	4.78
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.94	£16.30	-20.50	
Japan Small Cos	£13.72	£13.98	-9.80	...
UK Small Cos	£18.39	£19.17	-21.10	..
US Small Cos	£15.92	£16.37	+29.70	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street. London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	195.30	205.90	...	2.67
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25. Ravelston Terrace. Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	276.40	292.10	+1.10	1.03
New Asia	213.70	230.70	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	135.30	144.10	-1.40	...
Jap Smllr Co	566.60	603.60†	-8.50	..
Nth Amer	243.80	258.60	-0.80	0.94
Shlfrd Asia Pac MI	118.50	125.90	-0.10	..
UK Inc & Gth	217.40	232.30†	+0.30	3.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road. Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	141.10	150.10	+0.50	1.78
UK High Inc Inc	155.80	165.70	+0.60	4.81
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.36	63.14	-0.06	4.97
Envrnmntl Opps	83.31	88.63†	-0.34	1.39
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace. Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	118.90	126.30	-0.10	0.16
Convertibles	23.44	24.91†	+0.06	6.62
Equity Income	129.70	137.80†	-0.30	3.63
EuroFund	46.53	49.20	+0.27	0.81
Financial	47.35	50.50	+0.35	1.58
Growth & Inc	231.40	245.90	-0.60	3.05
High Dist	161.00	171.10	-0.10	4.38
International	387.50	411.70	-3.10	0.24
Int Cap Inc	95.56	102.00†	+0.70	2.55
Latin American	42.52	45.18	+0.03	0.25
Pacific	84.18	88.44	+0.65	..
Preference Share	24.00	25.50†	-0.04	6.08
Tokyo	239.30	253.90	-0.10	..
UK Smaller Cos	239.20	254.20	-0.20	0.92
ELCON LTD				
Central Ct. Knoll Rise. Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70535				
Elcon Trust	220.00	235.00	...	.
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens. London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	206.20	218.30	+3.10	0.38
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St. Aylesbury. Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	81.03	86.24	+0.27	1.57
Far Eastern	310.79	327.15	+0.16	1.38
High Income	135.31	142.43	-0.65	4.27
Intl Growth	119.23	125.51	-0.30	1.23
North American	113.86	119.85	+0.41	1.10
Pelican	115.65	121.74†	-0.47	2.89
Smaller Cos	76.12	80.13	+0.24	1.85
Special Sits	91.90	96.74	+0.19	2.31
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.11	200.12	+0.45	1.63
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	224.83	234.20†	-1.49	1.11
Smaller Cos Acc	390.37	406.64†	-2.57	1.11
Recovery	58.20	60.63	...	1.88

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard. Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	111.64	118.70	+0.09	4.84
Capital Growth	82.40	88.37†	+0.47	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.67	48.72	-0.15	0.23
High Income	48.79	52.33†	-0.22	8.47
Warrant	61.06	66.35†	+0.07	...
Zero Preference	36.71	38.95	+0.09	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street. Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.72	81.61†	+0.440	2.41
Family Income Tst	49.30	52.44†	+0.490	3.92
Family Trust	89.74	95.47†	...	1.07
United Charities	253.40	269.60†	...	2.77
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.00
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Rsk UK	24.22	25.55	...	3.11
-do- Europe	23.97	25.33	+0.07	4.67
-do- America	22.90	24.13	+0.04	0.20
-do- Acc Japan	27.20	28.95	+0.15	0.37
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.70	29.09†	+0.04	7.49
Intl Bond	28.96	30.18†	-0.07	5.08
Income Funds				
High Income	27.26	28.69	+0.02	4.97
Income Plus	118.60	126.20	+0.20	3.96
Amer Eq Inc	46.98	49.81	+0.09	1.49
European Income	44.96	47.81	+0.49	1.84
Far East Inc	64.85	69.24	+0.34	2.05
Global Convertible	24.10	25.71†	-0.13	2.85
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.07	64.08	-0.26	...
American	233.50	247.70	-0.30	...
Amer Spec Sits	106.60	113.80	+0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.70	49.82	+0.71	...
European	169.40	180.20	-1.00	...
European Opps	63.04	67.03†	+0.58	...
UK Growth	88.49	94.09	+0.35	...
Growth & Inc	152.90	162.20	+0.60	2.28
Intl PEP	35.84	38.11	+0.15	...
Japan Spec Sits	102.80	109.80	+0.70	...
Japan	215.80	230.30	+2.10	...
Managed Intl	273.20	291.70	+1.50	...
Moneybuilder	53.66	57.06	+0.20	...
Recovery	47.41	50.41†	+0.09	...
South E Asia	150.10	160.20	+0.10	...
Special Sits	537.10	571.10	-0.90	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	108.30	114.00	+0.80	2.79
UK Reverse Index	77.23	81.41	-0.64	4.22
Europe Index	110.50	116.40	-1.00	4.28
-do- Reverse Index	65.56	69.06	-0.34	7.98
America Index	98.23	103.40	-0.20	0.49
-do- Reverse Index	95.51	100.60	...	0.57
Japan Index	137.10	144.30	+0.30	0.50
-do- Reverse Index	94.21	99.28	+1.09	1.11
Cash Accum Units	105.12	105.12	+0.01	4.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St. Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	139.20	142.50†	...	1.61
Inc Pfolio	90.41	92.08	+0.26	3.61
Cap Pfolio	145.90	148.50	+0.70	0.64
General Opps	126.30	128.30†	...	3.07
Growth Inc	31.46	32.14	+0.16	1.42
Private Portfolio	399.80	407.10	...	1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin. PO Box 2001. Brentwood. Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	115.30	122.00	+0.60	0.43
Far Eastern	181.70	194.80	+0.80	...
High Income	22.51	23.96†	-0.04	10.64
Oseas Income	96.89	103.50	...	3.08
UK Growth	116.60	124.70	+0.60	0.85
UK Income	109.70	117.40	+0.50	5.28
US Smaller Cos	288.70	308.80	+0.60	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	50.10	53.30	+0.24	3.90
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.71	83.73†	+0.26	4.44
Intl Growth	71.45	76.01	...	1.18
Investment Trust	92.67	98.58†	+0.22	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	85.98	91.47	+0.02	1.20
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.64	56.27†	+0.09	...
(Accum Units)	52.64	56.27†	+0.09	...
Amer Smllr Cos	471.60	504.30	+1.00	...
(Accum Units)	481.80	515.20	+1.00	...
Capital Tst	328.80	349.70†	+0.60	1.39
(Accum Units)	465.10	494.70†	+0.90	1.39
Cond Smllr Cos	62.77	67.34	+0.07	0.38
(Accum Units)	65.61	70.40	+0.07	0.38
Convertible	135.90	144.50	+0.30	5.08
(Accum Units)	263.30	280.00	+0.70	5.08
Emerging Markets	75.81	80.99	+0.72	...
(Accum Units)	75.88	81.06	+0.72	...
European	120.40	128.00	+0.80	0.19
(Accum Units)	125.60	133.40	+0.80	0.19
Extra Income	335.20	356.50	+1.40	3.54
(Accum Units)	485.90	516.80	+2.00	3.54
Financial	120.80	129.80	+0.20	0.43
(Accum Units)	127.10	136.60	+0.30	0.43
Gilt Trust	63.28	65.25†	-0.02	6.02
(Accum Units)	86.01	88.69†	-0.03	6.02
Health Fund Inc	124.40	132.90	+0.40	...
(Accum Units)	124.40	132.90	+0.40	...
Income & Growth	199.60	212.30	-1.30	3.51
(Accum Units)	289.10	307.50	-1.80	3.51
Intl Growth	365.80	393.60	-1.20	...
(Accum Units)	406.20	437.10	-1.30	...
Japan & Gen	202.90	217.30	-1.20	...
(Accum Units)	205.00	219.50	-1.20	...
Managed Port Inc	105.90	111.40†	+0.40	0.51
(Accum Units)	112.20	118.00†	+0.50	0.51
Monthly Income	168.50	179.20	+0.50	3.84
Quarterly Income	55.48	59.01	+0.15	4.35
(Accum Units)	57.21	60.85	+0.14	4.35
Recovery	357.40	382.20	+1.30	0.08
(Accum Units)	420.40	449.50	+1.50	0.08
UK Growth	53.04	56.61	+0.30	2.48
(Accum Units)	53.04	56.61	+0.30	2.48
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Castle Street. Salisbury. Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	384.03	408.54	+2.66	2.56
-do- Accum	792.21	842.78	+5.48	2.56
FP Euro Gth Dist	134.98	143.60	+0.72	0.24
-do- Accum	140.19	149.14	+0.75	0.24
FP Fixed Int Dist	133.20	140.89†	+0.36	6.23
-do- Accum	233.45	246.93†	+0.65	6.23
FP Intl Gth Dist	94.11	100.12	+0.55	0.32
-do- Accum	97.97	104.22	+0.58	0.32
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.84	195.80	+0.61	0.61
-do- Accum	201.96	213.94	+0.66	0.61
FP Pac Basin Dist	321.87	342.41	+2.00	0.01
-do- Accum	328.00	348.94	+2.04	0.01
Stewardship Dist	344.00	365.96	+0.74	1.84
-do- Accum	412.90	439.26	+0.89	1.84
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	74.39	79.14	+0.16	3.18
-do- Accum	93.73	99.71	+0.21	3.18
N Am Stshp Dist	99.12	105.45	+0.19	0.50
-do- Accum	104.93	111.63	+0.20	0.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Enterprise Hse. Isambard Brunel Rd. Portsmouth Enq: 0705 881 340 Dealing: 0705 881330				
Capital Gwth Acc	110.10	117.10	-0.20	0.76
Open Cap Gth Acc	112.80	120.00	-0.20	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	106.60	113.30	...	1.57
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.60	114.40	...	1.57
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.00	114.80	-0.10	1.39
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	108.60	115.50	-0.10	1.39
NM Unit Trusts				
American	43.06	45.88	...	1.72
Australian	336.60	361.10	-1.10	0.0
Conscience	73.43	78.36	+0.08	0.45
European	205.50	218.60†	+1.10	0.69
Extra Income	74.67	79.69†	+0.27	5.57
Gilt & FI	57.80	61.00	+0.09	6.07
Gold	57.74	62.08	-1.04	0.0
Income	55.63	59.33	-0.22	3.92
Intnl	33.57	35.90	+0.17	0.70
Jap Smaller Cos	404.60	431.50	-5.70	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	245.40	263.10	-2.20	0.0
Smaller Cos	31.78	34.17	-0.02	0.59
Special Sits	37.29	40.09†	+0.16	1.53
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30†	...	4.50
Tokyo	93.06	99.26	+0.75	0.0
UK Equity	177.70	189.30	+0.80	2.62
US Smaller Cos	107.60	115.00	-0.10	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237. York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	236.30	252.00	+1.30	1.95
Cash	49.64	50.38	...	4.34
Growth Portfolio	82.04	86.97	+0.48	0.34
Income Portfolio	67.88	71.79	+0.41	3.47
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate. 14th Floor. 125 London Wall. London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	161.50	172.80†	+0.20	...
European	549.90	568.20	+3.30	1.23
Far East & Gen	282.30	302.00	+2.50	...
Germany	129.70	136.80	+0.20	...
Income Inc	154.20	165.00	+1.00	4.28
International	346.40	370.50	+2.40	...
Intl Income	82.58	87.73	-0.52	4.03
Japan & General	440.30	469.10†	+4.00	..
Korean Securities	72.77	77.93	+1.79	0.17
Smllr Cos Div Inc	52.88	56.56	+0.15	3.97
UK Capital (Inc)	189.40	202.60	+0.40	1.73
UK Spec Sits	93.54	100.00	-0.40	0.33
US & General	129.40	137.60	+0.10	...
Wwide Spec Sits	161.30	172.60	+0.70	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House. 16-18 Monument St. London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.43	55.00	+0.28	1.85
Cash Trust	132.95	132.95†	+0.02	4.18
Practical Inv Inc	116.15	124.22†	+0.21	3.54
UK Index	140.50	148.99†	+0.88	2.91
UK Smaller Cos	125.00	133.69	+0.20	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.01	27.62†	-0.01	8.81
High Income	34.11	36.48	+0.14	4.71
UK Equity Income	136.73	146.24	+0.65	3.65
Global Bond	28.99	30.13†	+0.10	4.71
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	58.80	62.95†	+0.61	...
Global Inc & Gth	134.48	143.35†	+0.70	1.42
Gold & Intl Res	109.19	116.77	+1.40	0.86
Global Utilities	129.74	138.76	+0.16	0.79
Overseas Funds				
American	133.67	143.08	-0.30	0.91
European	98.23	103.96†	+0.38	0.73
Euro Sel Opps	136.26	144.55	+1.00	...
Amer Emerging	95.00	101.60	+0.17	...
Hong Kong	149.11	159.48†	-1.29	1.39
Japan	263.64	280.28	+1.95	..
Pacific Growth	220.46	235.79	+2.49	1.19
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	214.00	214.00†	+0.72	1.74
Long Term Bal	232.19	232.19†	+1.10	2.21
Med Term Bal	194.66	194.66†	+0.84	2.79
UK Equity	239.35	239.35	+1.73	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	146.10	146.10	+0.27	1.71
American	223.02	223.02†	+0.42	1.30
Japan	142.45	142.45†	+0.17	..
European	253.68	253.68†	+0.76	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	166.62	166.62	-0.31	3.20
Fixed Interest	155.47	155.47	-0.12	6.32
Amer Emergns	245.31	245.31†	+0.51	...
Pacific	240.32	240.32	-1.52	0.69
Emerging Mkts	170.26	170.26	+2.34	...
Index Strat Japan	161.67	161.67	...	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	184.62	184.62	...	1.05
-do- Cont Europe	146.89	146.89	...	1.57
Index Strat USA	125.86	125.86	...	2.39
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	101.13	107.59	+0.36	...
Med Term Bal	92.53	98.44	+0.43	...
Long Term Bal	104.57	111.24	+0.53	...
UK Equity	110.52	117.58	+0.85	...
UK Emerging Cos	68.51	72.88	+0.13	...
American	103.56	110.17	+0.21	...
Japan	68.53	72.90	+0.08	...
European	105.74	112.49	+0.34	...
Fixed Interest	78.07	83.05	-0.07	...
Index Linked Gilt	73.82	78.53	-0.14	...
Deposit	77.34	82.27	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	125.78	132.40	-0.36	...
Berkeley Income	114.28	120.29	+0.20	2.12
BWH Intl	139.32	146.65	+0.01	0.58
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	61.90	65.33	+0.04	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.50	60.78†	+0.05	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.80	56.78	-0.08	0.50
Shaw Utilities	50.99	53.52	-0.05	3.96

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
22 Suffolk St. London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	141.10	149.40	...	0.03
Higher Income	132.50	139.10†	..	1.76
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place. London SW1 071 493 9990				
8 Intl Inc	557.15	592.71	...	0.09
European Inc	144.86	154.11	...	...
Amalgam Inc	149.73	158.33	...	...
N America Inc	331.82	353.00	+12.59	...
Far East Inc	345.23	367.27	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	167.33	178.01	...	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House. 4 Battle Bridge Lane. London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.05	87.37†	+0.26	3.91
UK Small Cos	51.42	54.99	+0.04	0.81
British Growth	55.76	58.93	-0.48	2.13
American Gwth	153.18	163.83	+0.19	...
Japan Gwth	88.51	94.66	-0.47	...
Greater China	193.69	207.16	-0.78	...
Pacific Strategy	168.15	179.84	-1.01	...
European Gwth	86.95	93.00	+0.64	0.17
Intl Growth	147.16	157.39	+0.99	0.97
US Index (E)	13.13	13.84	-0.11	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	79.11	83.67	+0.41	1.89
Monthly Income	41.04	43.55†	+0.38	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Dollar Cash (E)	10.53	10.58	...	1.90
Grd UK Index (E)	10.82	11.40	+0.16	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse. 77 Mansell St. London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	97.90	104.15	+4.24	1.13
Bridge Income	263.41	280.23	+3.41	5.34
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq. London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	135.10	135.10†	...	3.89
European	484.10	517.20	+4.40	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	129.20	137.20	-0.10	4.65
Growth Equity	343.00	366.40	-3.40	2.02
Income Trust	126.00	134.60	+0.70	2.90
International	186.00	198.70†	-1.00	...
Japan Trust	138.90	148.30	+1.00	...
Nth American	264.30	282.30†	+0.20	...
Pacific	553.60	591.40†	+1.20	...
Guardhill	501.60	535.80	-3.80	1.80
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street. London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.68	114.80	-0.24	7.61
Global High Inc	113.82	118.14	-0.18	8.14
Prem Fixed Int	107.48	111.58	+0.10	8.32
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.97	108.43†	+0.88	4.84
European Growth	99.77	106.08	+0.78	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.33	65.21	+0.10	...
High Income	120.14	127.74	+2.12	3.47
Recovery	393.50	418.40†	+3.30	1.15
St Vinc High Inc	130.25	132.20	+0.31	6.69
Tmp Bar Emer Co	254.50	270.60	+0.70	0.73
Tmp Br Sm Co In	377.10	383.80	+0.30	1.42
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD				
PO Box 600. Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	39.25	41.61	+0.20	1.49
Income Advtg Inc	31.70	33.61†	+0.10	3.65
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	202.20	214.50	-0.70	1.75
Smaller Cos	35.67	37.95	+0.15	1.08
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
PO Box 2157. Brentwood. Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	300.77	321.82	-1.17	1.36
Best of British	64.29	68.77	-0.46	2.31
UK Smaller Cos	124.68	134.03	+0.10	1.05
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	280.62	298.66	+1.34	2.97
High Income	329.15	351.85†	+1.78	3.76
Extra Income	285.49	303.93†	+1.55	5.11
Pref & Gilt	48.04	51.64†	+0.02	8.58
International				
International	271.53	289.54†	+0.69	...
Global Bond	55.23	58.53†	-0.05	6.69
Family of Funds	82.04	87.49	-0.04	0.31
Global Tech	144.98	155.05	-0.34	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	178.76	191.16	+0.88	0.07
European	485.44	514.47†	+3.36	0.31
European Income	85.83	90.92	+0.33	2.83
Euro Smlr Cos	148.99	159.45†	+0.85	0.42
Eur Sp Sits	70.01	74.83†	+0.67	0.23
Japan Trust	228.09	242.77	+0.59	...
Japan Special Sits	266.47	283.88†	+2.15	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	257.33	273.77†	+1.66	0.04
North American	235.83	250.80	+0.18	0.34
American Smaller	100.24	107.15†	+0.06	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	53.25	56.44	+0.03	...
Eur Sp Sits	60.09	63.69	+0.51	...
General Growth	42.76	45.32	+0.31	...
Global Tech	56.72	60.12	+0.14	...
Income Growth	42.13	44.66	+0.20	...
Japan Growth	27.89	29.56	+0.07	...
Overseas Growth	39.62	41.99	+0.09	...
Smaller Cos	22.06	23.38	+0.09	...
Special Opps	29.18	30.93	+0.03	...
Wwide Sp Sits	49.49	52.45	-0.12	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road. Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	99.59	106.50	+0.60	1.77
Capital	175.80	188.00	+0.80	1.36
Dollar	337.60	361.00†	+0.50	...
European	246.50	263.60	+0.50	0.20
Far East	330.80	353.70	+0.50	0.07
Financial	803.80	859.60†	+0.60	0.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.85	25.85†	-0.01	7.63
High Yield	110.40	118.00	+0.50	3.82
Income & Growth	148.00	158.20	+1.80	2.91
International	253.20	270.80	-0.90	0.01
Japanese General	216.40	231.40	+1.90	...
Japan Tech	87.25	93.52	+0.79	...
Nat Resources	72.92	77.98†	+0.80	...
Portfolio	73.95	79.09†	+0.31	1.69
Security	333.40	356.50	+2.50	1.73
Smaller Cos	135.40	144.80†	+0.10	0.90
Special Sits	153.70	164.30	+0.50	1.11
UK Emerging Cos	94.72	101.30	+0.20	0.03
US Smaller Cos	72.55	77.59	+0.10	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4HU Dig: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dig: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	192.30	205.00	+0.40	1.42
Eurotrack 100	158.60	168.60	+0.50	0.95
Footsie Fund	52.31	55.37	+0.34	2.17
Japan Index	85.94	91.72	+0.69	0.05
Tiger Index	200.20	213.70	-1.80	0.11
Trade Index	120.90	129.00	+0.30	1.63
UK Index	139.00	148.30	+0.80	2.78
Active Funds				
American Growth	467.10	498.50†	+1.0	0.39
Asian	56.25	60.03	-0.03	0.35
Capital	591.70	631.50†	+2.80	1.60
European Growth	116.20	123.30	+0.40	...
Global Bond	22.78	24.05	+0.08	6.19
Hong Kong Gwth	107.50	114.70†	+0.80	0.55
Income	556.30	593.70†	+3.10	3.60
Intl Growth	79.53	84.86	+0.33	0.06
Japan Growth	314.70	335.90	+1.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.37	43.08	+0.40	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	76.16	81.28	+0.66	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	60.39	64.59†	+0.22	2.61
(Accum Units)	62.72	67.08†	+0.23	2.61
British Tst	83.01	88.78	+0.61	1.91
(Accum Units)	95.56	102.30	+0.70	1.91
Extra High Inc	70.34	75.23†	+0.62	5.91
(Accum Units)	130.10	139.10†	+1.20	5.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.34	57.59	-0.01	6.47
(Accum Units)	153.30	159.50	-0.10	6.47
High Yield	232.30	248.40	+0.70	4.52
(Accum Units)	557.60	596.30	+1.80	4.52
Income	299.70	320.50	+1.10	2.80
(Accum Units)	640.70	685.20	+2.60	2.80
Money Market UT	49.59	49.59	+0.01	4.51
(Accum Units)	75.24	75.24	+0.01	4.51
Monthly Income	87.34	93.41†	+0.16	4.78
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	98.79	105.10	+0.70	1.87
European Growth	111.90	119.00	+0.40	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.74	87.79	-0.02	6.32
Income	86.37	91.88	+0.28	2.87
Japan Growth	59.66	63.47	+0.47	...
Managed	67.71	72.03	+0.27	2.44
Money Market	83.79	88.82	+0.01	4.52
North American	86.17	91.67	+0.16	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	89.79	95.52	+0.65	1.85
European Growth	105.30	112.00	+0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.85	83.67	-0.02	6.28
Income	84.85	90.27	+0.27	2.84
Japan Growth	59.45	63.24	+0.46	...
Managed	64.78	68.91	+0.26	2.41
Money Market	77.45	82.09	+0.01	4.48
North American	78.56	83.57	+0.14	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	90.01	95.75	+0.65	1.83
European Growth	102.80	109.40	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.77	77.22	-0.02	6.39
Income	84.18	89.55	+0.27	2.85
Japan Growth	60.90	64.79	+0.48	...
Managed	67.96	72.30	+0.28	2.40
Money Market	72.55	76.90	+0.01	4.53
North American	87.01	92.56	+0.16	0.45
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.82	77.37	+0.22	0.27
Smaller Cos	32.91	34.96	+0.08	1.13
Special Features	32.08	34.08†	+0.15	1.40
(Accum Units)	38.52	40.92†	+0.19	1.40
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	77.72	82.57	+0.33	1.86
Accum Units	93.44	99.28	+0.40	1.86
General Equities	74.57	79.23	+0.45	2.68
Great British Cos	52.86	56.49	+0.23	1.88
Managed Invest	102.70	109.70	+0.50	1.47
PEP Managed	73.08	77.99	+0.31	2.19
Rupert Child Tst	82.26	87.79†	+0.46	1.93
UK Growth	59.53	63.66	+0.26	1.68
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.34	50.34	...	3.73
Cashbox (Acc)	57.68	57.68	...	3.73
Extra Income	86.32	92.35	+0.04	4.98
Gilt	27.96	29.47	...	6.17
Income & Growth	41.67	44.49†	+0.18	3.25
Mimstar Gilt & FI	74.70	76.36†	...	7.29
Preference Shares	19.25	20.45	+0.04	6.13
UK Income	338.70	361.50†	+0.80	3.26
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	66.70	70.86	+0.08	0.85
Property Shares	79.98	85.14†	-0.06	1.24
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.49	53.63†	+0.07	0.58
US Smaller Cos	111.40	117.90	+0.10	...
(Accum Units)	112.60	119.10	+0.10	...
Europe Perf	158.70	168.50	+1.20	...
(Accum Units)	164.00	174.20	+1.20	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.80	31.61	+0.15	...
French Growth	79.23	84.25	+1.10	0.03
Accum Units	84.87	90.25	+1.18	0.03
H Kong & China	88.57	95.20	+0.71	1.63
Intl Growth	58.62	62.28	+0.27	0.20
Accum Units	58.91	62.90	+0.27	0.29
Japan Perf	37.67	40.02	+0.19	...
Accum Units	37.67	40.02	+0.19	...
Japan Smaller Cos	48.52	51.53	+0.27	...
Singapore ASEAN	111.80	121.30	+0.70	...
Accum Units	112.60	122.10	+0.70	...
SE Asia	330.90	351.50†	+2.60	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	93.61	99.70	+0.21	1.47
Intl Bond	55.99	56.71	-0.26	6.59
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge. London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	146.80	156.10	+0.20	...
Income	140.79	149.77	-1.10	4.00
UK Growth	53.61	57.03	+0.37	0.94

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	86.31	91.82	-0.09	0.25
Ecology	81.55	86.76†	+0.47	..
European	116.21	123.05	+0.76	...
Far Eastern	327.10	348.00	+1.10	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 *Dealers: 0277 227 300*				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	54.44	57.91†	+0.11	6.75
Gilt Yield	117.10	123.60†	...	7.07
Global Income	226.30	240.60	+3.69	3.58
High Yield	143.70	152.90	-0.42	5.66
Smllr Cos Div	56.14	59.72	-1.89	2.90
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.42	99.38	+0.03	...
North American	75.70	80.53	-0.06	0.31
European Special	98.12	104.40	+0.18	1.20
European	156.90	166.50	+1.20	1.18
General	283.60	301.70	+0.10	2.98
Japan	467.40	497.20†	-5.10	...
Japanese Special	276.70	294.40†	+3.50	...
Master Accum	248.00	264.50	+1.00	0.81
Pacific	355.10	377.90†	-3.10	0.22
Smaller Cos	121.40	129.20	...	0.90
UK Equity Growth	44.25	47.07	-0.05	1.65
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street. London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	65.39	69.57	-0.36	0.80
Inv Trust	71.38	75.94	+0.16	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	61.47	65.40	+0.23	1.40
High Inc Acc	56.58	60.19†	+0.25	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	624.10	636.80	...	5.03
Intl & General	436.30	445.20	...	0.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	57.91	61.61	+0.14	4.06
Smaller Cos	56.36	59.64	+0.20	0.84
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse. Barnwood. Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	254.20	270.40	+0.90	1.68
High Income	111.80	118.90	+0.50	3.70
International	96.75	102.90	+0.70	0.38
Recovery Trust	66.41	70.65	-0.04	1.20
European Trust	85.12	90.55†	+0.06	0.48
Japanese Trust	48.52	51.62	-0.56	...
American Trust	78.68	83.70	+0.26	0.13
Managed	67.72	72.04	+0.24	0.40
Cash	50.16	50.16†	...	3.88
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields. London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	358.00	363.90	+3.50	2.11
UK Inc/Gth	388.20	394.20	+2.90	2.86
UK Income	272.50	277.30	+1.40	3.55
UK Sm Cos	257.10	266.50	+0.10	1.45
Euro Gwth	126.60	127.50†	+1.30	...
N Amer Gwth	76.90	77.68†	-0.59	0.09
Jap & Pac Gth	86.26	87.27†	-0.60	...
Money Mkt	118.466	118.466	...	2.320
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	471.40	501.50†	+2.90	2.42
Equity Income	102.30	108.80	+0.60	3.05
UK Tactical Alloctn	55.70	59.14†	+0.50	2.76
European	117.10	124.60	+0.70	0.83
Far Eastern	245.50	261.30	+3.50	...
Fixed Interest	52.81	56.17†	+0.02	7.25
Gilt	89.92	95.36†	+0.04	6.62
Global Growth	81.53	86.73	+1.04	0.44
Intl Bond	53.42	56.70	-0.10	5.17
Japanese	83.21	88.52	+0.31	...
North American	150.20	159.80	+1.10	0.48
Pacific Growth	119.60	127.20†	+1.80	...
UK Index	62.38	65.84†	+0.38	2.95
UK Recovery	93.56	99.53†	+0.42	1.51
UK Smaller Cos	128.40	136.60	+0.30	0.99
US Index	57.79	60.99	+0.02	1.90
European Index	75.06	79.22	+0.13	1.49
Japan Index	44.70	47.18	+0.11	...
Worldwide	86.97	92.52	+0.32	0.89
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way. Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.57	53.02	-0.16	2.64
Income	60.15	64.50	+0.37	3.64
Far East	58.96	63.06†	+0.27	...
North American	95.43	102.60†	+0.60	...
Global	97.80	104.60†	+0.60	0.66
European	88.34	94.32†	+0.25	0.98
Japan	121.30	129.70	+1.10	...
Intl Currency Bd	58.12	61.61†	+0.13	6.18
SE Asia	119.00	127.30†	+0.30	0.73
UK Cap Growth	93.16	99.63†	+0.48	1.88
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63. Chatham. Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 315				
Balanced	349.70	372.10	+2.10	2.55
-do- Acc	776.50	826.10	+4.90	2.55
Contl Euro Gth	63.45	66.79	+0.02	0.82
-do- Acc	67.58	71.14	+0.01	0.82
Extra Inc	260.00	276.60	+1.20	3.70
-do- Acc	651.90	693.60	+3.00	3.70
German Gth	130.35	137.10†	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	136.60	143.80	-0.80	...
Growth Port	555.40	590.90†	+2.90	0.11
-do- Acc	560.20	596.00	+2.60	0.11
Income	485.00	516.00†	+2.30	3.62
-do- Acc	£12.52	£13.64	+6.00	3.62
Income Port	515.00	547.90	+1.20	3.82
-do- Acc	532.50	566.50	+1.30	3.82
Japan Growth	114.30	121.60†	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	114.70	122.10	+0.10	...
Master Trust	58.99	62.76	+0.24	1.38
-do- Acc	64.94	69.09	+0.27	1.38
N American Gen	181.10	192.70	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	209.20	222.60	-1.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	136.00	144.70†	-3.30	...
-do- Acc	138.80	147.70	-3.30	...
Pacific Basin	264.40	281.30	+1.50	0.45
-do- Acc	280.50	298.50	+1.60	0.45
Small Cos Rec	365.40	384.70†	+0.90	1.97
-do- Acc	483.90	509.40	+0.70	1.97
UK Growth	87.58	93.18	+0.52	2.08
-do- Acc	104.00	110.70	+0.60	2.08
Worldwide Gth	322.50	343.10	+0.90	0.14
-do- Acc	475.80	506.20	+1.50	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park. Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.88	68.54	+0.17	0.30
General	88.51	94.97	+0.44	2.40
Income	68.40	73.39†	+0.14	5.00
International	65.86	70.66	+0.38	0.70
Japan	62.76	67.34	+0.48	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.38	75.51†	+0.18	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House. Victoria Road. Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	391.00	413.50	+2.40	0.84
(Accum Units)	484.50	512.40	+3.00	0.84
Amer Recovery	446.10	471.80†	+0.80	0.34
(Accum Units)	511.30	540.80	+0.90	0.34
Amer Smllr Cos	125.00	132.20	+0.10	...
(Accum Units)	127.70	135.10	+0.10	...
Australasian	166.30	175.90	+0.60	1.46
(Accum Units)	200.40	212.00	+0.80	1.46
Capital	832.20	880.00	+4.10	2.01
(Accum Units)	935.80	989.60	+4.60	2.01
Charifund	713.10	720.30	+1.60	5.07
(Accum Units)	£31.45	£31.77	+7.10	5.07
Commodity	393.40	416.00	+1.00	0.26
(Accum Units)	575.60	608.60	+1.40	0.26
Compound Grth	926.90	980.20†	+2.30	2.43
(Accum Units)	959.30	£10.14	+2.30	2.43
Dividend	40.90	43.30	+0.10	4.09
(Accum Units)	165.40	175.00	+0.50	4.09
Equity Income	360.50	381.20	+1.70	4.53
(Accum Units)	449.30	475.10	+2.10	4.53
Euro & General	522.40	552.40	+3.70	0.58
(Accum Units)	657.20	694.90	+4.70	0.58
Euro Dividend	72.90	77.10	+0.50	3.32
(Accum Units)	85.00	90.00	+0.60	3.32
Extra Yield	421.40	445.60†	+1.60	4.43
(Accum Units)	£12.78	£13.51	+5.00	4.43
Far Eastern	379.20	401.00	+1.70	0.41
(Accum Units)	501.00	529.90	+2.30	0.41
Fund of Inv Tsts	639.70	676.50	+2.30	1.68
(Accum Units)	£11.75	£12.43	+4.30	1.68
General	61.40	64.90	+0.10	3.59
(Accum Units)	167.10	176.60	+0.30	3.59
Gilt Income	62.19	62.29	+0.25	6.82
(Accum Units)	163.00	163.26	+0.65	6.82
Gold	66.20	70.00	-0.50	0.72
(Accum Units)	77.80	82.30	-0.50	0.72
High Income	29.10	30.80	-0.10	4.33
(Accum Units)	112.10	118.60	-0.20	4.33
Intl Growth	79.30	83.90	-0.60	0.79
(Accum Units)	137.60	145.50	-1.00	0.79
International Inc	102.80	108.70†	+0.30	4.25
(Accum Units)	148.60	157.10	+0.50	4.25
Japan & Gen	52.30	55.30†	+0.60	...
(Accum Units)	56.20	59.30	+0.60	...
Japan Smlr Cos	187.80	198.60†	+2.80	...
(Accum Units)	189.10	199.90	+2.80	...
Managed Income	28.20	29.60†	+0.10	3.74
Midland	66.50	70.30†	+0.10	2.42
(Accum Units)	218.70	231.40	+0.30	2.42
Pension Ex	967.00	991.20	+2.90	3.85
Recovery	43.40	45.90	-0.20	2.08
(Accum Units)	69.70	73.70	-0.30	2.08
Second General	72.50	76.70	-0.30	3.27
(Accum Units)	182.80	193.40	-0.60	3.27
Smaller Cos	73.20	77.40	-0.30	2.49
(Accum Units)	142.10	150.20	-0.20	2.49
Treasury	25.01	25.05†	-0.01	4.66
Trustee	43.00	45.50†	+0.10	4.04
(Accum Units)	169.30	179.40	-0.50	4.04
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House. Heene Rd. Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	84.29	89.66†	+0.48	0.43
High Income	287.20	305.50†	+1.00	4.33
Intl Bond	65.74	69.15	+0.16	5.41
Intl Equity Growth	71.95	76.54	+0.20	0.39
N Amer Growth	94.74	100.78†	+0.06	0.84
Special Sits Growth	22.86	24.31†	+0.03	1.26
UK Growth	375.20	399.10†	-1.90	2.56
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD				
46 Court St. Haddington. E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.82	£13.11	...	2.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	144.30	148.20†	-1.00	3.87
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way. Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	191.20	204.50	+1.10	2.14
Gilt & Fxd Int	173.30	182.60	...	7.05
Intl Growth	215.00	229.20	+1.30	0.21
North American	176.90	189.00	+0.30	0.49
Far East	275.40	294.50	+2.20	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	175.40	187.60	+0.10	1.56
European	85.10	90.47	+0.85	0.21
Japanese Growth	51.80	55.15	+0.55	...
High Income	186.20	199.10	+0.70	4.14
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 418. Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	151.70	161.40	+0.50	1.95
-do- Accum	171.30	182.20	+0.50	1.95
UK Sel Pfolio	129.70	138.00	+0.51	2.12
-do- Accum	147.90	157.30	+0.51	2.12
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square. Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	66.14	70.36	+0.32	3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Crt. 20 Castle Terrace. Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.12	79.74†	+0.40	4.05
European	84.14	89.32	-0.70	0.37
Income & Growth	76.57	81.28	-0.53	3.01
Nth American	57.53	61.07	-0.04	0.36
Far East	171.30	181.80	+1.10	...
Charities	118.00	125.30	+0.50	3.33
Japan	61.93	65.74†	+0.48	...
Emgtng Mkts	112.30	120.10	+0.90	0.20
Intl Growth	110.70	117.50†	-0.80	0.24
UK Growth	90.90	96.50	+0.85	0.76
Asian Opps Fd	40.29	43.09	+0.38	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	198.70	211.30	+0.10	..
(Accum Units)	212.40	225.80	+0.30	..
American Opps	86.73	92.51	+0.06	...
(Accum Units)	87.82	93.67	+0.07	...
British Blue Chip	79.22	84.30†	+0.34	2.99
(Accum Units)	95.90	102.00†	+0.40	2.99
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	4.75
(Accum Units)	134.00	134.00†	...	4.75
Emerging Mkts	119.10	128.10	+0.90	..
European Growth	251.90	266.90	+1.50	0.60
(Accum Units)	271.20	287.30	+1.60	0.60
European Income	86.28	91.30	+1.46	2.67
(Accum Units)	113.00	119.50	+1.80	2.67
General	515.10	549.30†	+3.00	2.20
(Accum Units)	998.00	1064†	+6.00	2.20
Global Bond	123.20	129.50†	+0.20	6.15
(Accum Units)	144.90	152.40†	+0.20	6.15
Gold & General	184.50	198.40	-1.90	0.47
(Accum Units)	188.60	202.80	-2.00	0.47
Govt Securities	93.18	96.08	+0.17	7.40
(Accum Units)	172.70	178.00	+0.40	7.40
Income	154.20	164.10	+0.80	4.23
(Accum Units)	233.90	248.90	+1.00	4.23
International	459.20	490.00	+1.80	0.57
(Accum Units)	612.40	652.30	+2.60	0.57
Japan	211.90	224.50	+1.20	...
(Accum Units)	217.50	230.50	+1.30	...
New Europe	176.90	188.70	+1.50	1.38
(Accum Units)	180.80	192.90	+1.50	1.38
Pacific	127.00	135.90	-0.50	0.62
(Accum Units)	135.00	144.00	-0.60	0.60
Recovery	346.90	370.00†	+0.10	2.42
(Accum Units)	441.30	470.60†	+0.20	2.42
UK Smaller Cos	62.09	66.23	+0.01	1.64
(Accum Units)	69.80	74.45	+0.01	1.64
Portfolio	81.24	86.40†	+0.20	2.62
(Accum Units)	94.50	100.50†	+0.40	2.62
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane. Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	117.40	124.89	+0.63	0.86
Intl Strategy	67.37	71.67	+0.35	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.96	81.87†	+0.26	4.58
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.25	13.03	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus. London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	310.00	330.10†	+0.20	...
European Gth Inc	396.90	423.30	+2.20	...
Intl Gwth	195.50	208.90	+0.70	...
UK Equity Inc	179.10	190.60†	+1.80	3.02
UK Intl Trckr Inc	159.20	170.30	+1.30	2.70
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	191.40	202.10†	+0.10	1.44
Japan Tracker	82.38	87.22	+0.66	...
Asian Trader	212.60	230.90†	+2.10	0.46
Managed Inc	151.60	163.10	+0.80	1.59
Deposit Inc	99.99	99.99†	+0.02	4.96
Europa	177.20	190.50	+0.80	...
Genesis	161.20	175.20	+0.10	...
High Income	22.59	23.95†	+0.05	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St. Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	95.85	98.09†	+0.34	2.26
Acumen Inc	91.73	93.88†	+0.33	2.26
Acumen Reserve	82.40	83.23†	+0.23	7.09
-do- Inc	74.22	74.97†	+0.21	7.09
American Growth	169.00	174.10	+1.60	0.90
Cash Income	49.90	50.41	...	4.20
Equity Income	98.89	101.60†	+0.70	4.45
European	76.32	78.19	+0.36	0.37
Smaller Cos	81.23	84.70	-0.08	1.10
Olympiad	68.48	70.39	+0.53	...
Global Bond	47.28	47.83	+0.06	6.40
UK Growth	92.80	95.23†	+0.30	2.02
Pacific Growth	111.10	114.90	+1.50	...
Japan Growth	99.60	101.40	+0.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	119.94	127.60	+0.31	2.82
For NM Funds see Friends Provident				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St. Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	76.37	81.25	+0.05	1.75
UK Income	110.80	117.90	+0.90	3.54
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.58	77.87	+0.05	5.97
Higher Income	228.10	242.70	+0.80	4.42
Smaller Cos	87.58	93.18†	+3.22	1.47
International	100.26	106.67†	+0.33	1.16
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	106.40	113.80	+0.30	...
European Dist	111.00	118.70	+0.60	...
Far East Dist	189.50	202.70	+1.70	...
Global Care Dist	72.71	77.76	-0.01	2.10
Oseas Dist	£10.52	£11.25†	+8.30	0.13
UK Dist	345.70	369.70	+2.00	2.41
UK Extra Inc Dist	77.11	82.47	+0.12	3.56
Wwide Dist	106.20	113.50†	+0.90	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.56	75.46†	+0.15	2.19
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Dig: 0277 690 290 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	64.37	67.94†	+0.30	0.25
Fund of Funds Inc	58.88	62.14	+0.33	0.66
North America Inc	47.92	50.57	+0.09	0.42
UK Equity Grth Inc	61.06	64.44	+0.36	1.74
UK General Inc	58.24	61.47†	+0.32	2.21
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.71	50.24†	+0.03	6.57
UK Income Inc	59.62	62.92	+0.32	2.73
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St. London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	225.83	240.25†	+1.13	3.54
Global	346.37	368.48†	+1.17	2.17
General	191.34	203.56	+0.79	2.28
Bond	127.00	134.85	+0.83	6.55
Growth	125.11	133.10†	+0.61	2.40
Intrepid	121.35	128.41	...	1.70
Bridge Fund	87.44	93.03	...	...
Distributor	91.61	97.46	+0.36	4.26
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124. Surrey Street. Norwich 0603 682 254				
Master Trust	124.10	132.01†	+0.78	1.67
UK Equity	141.33	150.35	+1.14	2.56
UK Equity Income	136.53	145.24	+1.03	2.83
UK Smaller Cos	127.14	135.25	+0.53	0.96
UK Equity Growth	130.98	139.34†	+1.00	1.91
UK Index Trckg	129.57	138.41	+0.97	3.28
Intl Index Trckg	145.36	154.64†	+0.67	1.05
International	236.66	251.77†	+1.27	0.55
European	194.31	206.71	+0.87	0.29
Pan European	132.49	140.95	+1.39	1.10
Nth American	156.92	166.94	+0.10	0.50
N Amer Smlr Cos	175.79	187.01	+0.13	...
Japanese	104.77	111.46	+0.91	...
Pacific	243.42	258.96	+1.60	0.26
South East Asian	262.83	279.61†	+1.46	0.35
Intl Bond	134.46	142.95	+0.48	4.97
Gilt & Convertible	106.52	113.24	+0.18	6.53
Property	88.90	94.57	+0.15	4.65
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre. Lynch Wd. Peterborough PE2 6FY Dig: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	240.90	256.20	+1.40	2.28
Growth	155.80	164.00	+0.80	2.42
Income	241.50	256.90†	+1.10	3.36
Intl Equity	255.30	271.50	+1.60	0.65
UK Income	67.03	71.31	+0.30	2.92
UK Intl 25	79.04	84.08	+0.49	1.75
New Europe	80.23	85.35	+0.35	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street. Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	606.74	648.93	+3.81	0.27
Income	333.17	356.34†	+1.95	3.19
Wwide Recovery	378.87	405.21	+2.14	0.36
Amer Growth Inc	215.71	230.71	+0.20	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.90	268.35	+1.23	0.12
Far Estn Grth Inc	296.18	316.78	+0.89	0.05
Euro Gwth Inc	147.37	157.62	+0.55	0.48
UK Growth Inc	85.17	91.10†	+0.47	2.45
High Income	93.65	100.17	+0.48	3.84
Jap Gwth Inc	252.78	260.04†	+2.64	0.01
PEP Growth	119.30	127.60	+0.63	0.87
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	126.41	135.20	+0.58	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	129.58	138.59	+0.07	0.01
Global Bond	58.13	61.22†	+0.34	5.60
UK Smaller Cos Inc	82.60	88.35	+0.23	0.94
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street. Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd. 1 White Hart Yard. London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	101.52	108.0	-0.04	...
European	71.55	76.12	-0.05	...
Global	67.32	71.62	-0.11	...
Pacific	67.72	72.04	-0.53	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.87	70.07	+0.15	1.98
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent. King St. Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 590 540				
BRI Director Digs	102.02	108.65	+0.51	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	161.27	169.76	...	0.62
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd. Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	60.41	64.03	+0.24	2.20
Growth Income	64.70	68.58	+0.09	1.46
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park. Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	135.18	143.81	-0.58	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse. 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	94.47	100.50	+1.05	3.38
Conv & Gilt	126.40	134.50	+0.40	5.57
European Income	77.58	82.53†	+0.61	2.67
Extra Income	159.50	169.70†	+2.40	3.62
Far East	412.40	438.70	+1.90	0.24
Global Income	27.25	28.99	+0.18	4.17
High Income	120.40	128.10†	+0.60	3.33
International	211.70	225.20	+1.80	0.56
Pref & Fxd Int	43.49	46.26†	-0.09	7.06
Recovery	82.11	87.35	+0.50	2.10
Special Sits	110.20	117.20	+0.60	1.13
Technology	330.00	351.00	+1.20	...
UK Blue Chip	70.36	74.88	+0.36	2.77
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq. Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	52.98	56.36	+0.48	2.49
International	94.34	100.36†	+0.55	0.68
Gilt	25.73	26.53	+0.05	6.66
Income & Gwth	73.64	78.34	+0.45	4.65
European	55.74	59.30†	+0.19	1.08
American	51.49	54.78	+0.09	0.05
Emerging Mkts	88.85	94.52	+0.81	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	33.30	35.43†	+0.11	1.52
Gilt/Fixed Interest	26.01	27.67†	+0.04	5.80
Global PEP	40.28	42.85	+0.26	1.48
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way. Hook. Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	273.60	290.30	+1.40	0.71
Japan Inc	115.40	123.50	+1.00	...
Nth American Inc	105.80	114.30	-0.40	0.12
Worldwide Inc	168.40	181.50	+0.70	0.71
Hong Kong Inc	148.10	159.70	+0.90	0.21
Swiss Equities Inc	66.95	71.86†	+0.36	0.35

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Wwide Bond Inc	61.78	65.59†	+0.20	5.31
Emgng Asia Inc	204.40	222.40	+2.10	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.30	50.79	...	4.85
Thailand Inc	137.80	148.40	+0.30	0.91
Gold Trust Inc	76.80	83.33	...	0.17
New Zealand Inc	88.06	94.50	-0.01	1.15
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.71	72.08†	+0.26	1.65
Latin Am Cmp Inc	82.91	89.61	+0.65	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	58.08	62.50†	+0.74	2.18
Le Fond Francais	69.05	74.38	+0.93	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.39	87.05	-0.02	1.47
Global Portfolio	73.57	78.68	-0.12	..
Global Opps	73.61	78.73	-0.13	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	70.12	74.36	+0.10	1.94
AAM Global Equity	58.06	61.77	+0.20	0.79
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	89.66	96.60†	+1.25	0.92
CAM Intl Recvy Inc	46.74	50.75	+0.22	1.40
Temple Equity Inc	47.56	51.80	+0.30	2.76
Hartley Growth	80.32	85.45	+0.84	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	84.74	90.25	-0.07	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	86.85	95.01	-0.04	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	49.76	52.31	+0.02	2.46
Premier Perfms Inc	70.07	74.94	+0.24	0.97
Roxborgh Strat Gth	73.98	79.12	+0.14	0.34
Tech Analysis	105.90	112.70	+0.60	0.28
Rosebery Growth	42.99	46.11†	+0.27	...
International Strat	77.26	82.08	+0.23	..
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	55.36	59.05†	+0.02	..
Coverdale Topout	51.76	55.70	+0.04	0.59
Prem Equity Inc	97.76	102.90	+0.10	0.59
Lowes Intl Growth	40.89	49.36	+0.29	1.11
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate. London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	169.50	180.30	+1.00	1.85
European Gth	97.87	103.60†	+0.60	0.39
Income & Gth	137.30	146.10	+0.70	2.41
Japan Gth	131.90	139.70†	+1.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	110.50	117.60†	+0.30	..
Overseas Gth	88.55	94.14†	+0.49	..
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill. Ilford. Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.14	39.72	+0.21	1.42
Cash Haven Inc	101.50	102.00	+0.01	3.74
Cash Haven Acc	108.63	109.16	+0.01	3.74
Dist Trust Inc	95.31	101.93	+0.44	4.91
Dist Trust Acc	95.31	101.93	+0.44	4.91
Global Growth	90.19	96.45	+0.38	1.09
Equity Inc	84.53	90.40	+1.34	3.40
Equity	718.39	768.33†	+4.86	2.26
European	215.45	230.42	+1.41	0.70
High Income	88.93	95.11†	+0.14	3.70
Intl Grth	184.02	196.81	+1.01	0.62
Intl Sm Co	88.93	95.11†	+0.14	0.23
Japanese	230.83	246.87	+2.30	..
Nth Amer	158.95	169.76	+0.31	1.34
Pacific Mkts	103.63	110.83	+0.62	0.50
Premier Inc	48.56	50.55†	+0.01	4.21
Sm Cos	93.83	100.35†	+0.21	1.66
Spec Sits	109.66	117.28	+0.65	2.15
UK Growth	120.25	128.60	-0.30	2.08
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD				
Reliance House. Tunbridge Wells. Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	310.60	329.50†	+2.00	2.97
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bulman House. Regent Centre. Gosforth. *Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG* 091 285 2555				
Managed	97.83	103.80	...	2.01
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane. London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	511.22	544.73	+0.23	0.57
FA America (Acc)	595.72	634.78	+0.27	0.57
FA UK Equity Inc	160.03	170.66	+0.86	3.32
FA Japan	293.00	311.91	+2.34	...
FA Major UK Cos	96.23	102.57	+0.73	2.26
FA Smllr UK Cos	309.07	334.80†	+0.79	0.80
FA European	316.38	334.13	+0.77	0.84
FA Amer Smllr Cos	45.82	49.20	+0.02	...
FA Asia	52.14	56.09	+0.19	..
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.50	60.60	+0.55	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	94.37	99.30	+0.72	...
UK Smllr Cos	87.49	92.09	+0.21	...
UK Income	91.80	96.62	+0.48	...
America	102.11	107.49	+0.06	...
Japanese	64.22	67.59	+0.50	..
European	100.33	105.60	+0.24	..
Gilt	85.31	89.79	+0.04	...
Deposit	80.16	84.38	+0.01	...
Managed	98.66	103.85	+0.42	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	92.03	96.87	+0.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	85.65	90.15	+0.21	...
UK Income	89.71	94.43	+0.47	...
America	99.58	104.81	+0.05	...
Japanese	62.66	65.95	+0.49	...
European	97.90	103.04	+0.23	...
Gilt	84.47	88.91	+0.06	...
Deposit	76.54	80.57	+0.01	...
Managed	93.87	98.81	+0.36	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34. Peterborough PE2 0US Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 008				
United States	73.90	78.85	-0.05	0.11
Pacific Basin	86.32	92.69	+1.00	..
High Inc Dist	128.80	137.70†	+0.60	4.41
Ryl Life Int Cnry	59.76	63.53	+0.10	3.74
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.60	74.30	+0.34	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.76	68.88†	+0.38	..
UK Emerging Cos	122.30	132.10	+0.50	1.43
UK Index Trckg	164.90	175.70	+2.40	3.15
European	129.40	138.80	+0.70	0.28
Managed	146.00	157.00	+0.80	0.81
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse. Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	145.00	153.50	-0.50	0.45
European Growth	112.40	118.80	+0.90	0.53
Far East Growth	130.50	138.00	-1.00	0.24
Japan Growth	151.20	160.80†	-0.80	...
Special Sits	201.40	214.20†	-0.50	1.32
UK Growth	77.52	82.46	+0.56	2.00
Triton General	242.50	258.00†	-0.30	0.65
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	183.90	194.60	+1.80	0.39
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	360.50	381.50	+1.60	0.29
Growth Inc	136.60	144.60	+0.30	0.35
International Inc	353.60	374.20	+1.10	0.23
Nth Am & Intl Inc	323.50	342.30	+1.10	0.21
UK Gen Prog Inc	217.00	229.60	+0.80	0.44
UK High Inc Inc	139.30	147.40	+0.70	3.49
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse. 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.75	66.76	+0.16	...
Amer Smllr Cos	82.27	87.52	+0.22	...
Asian Gwth	115.54	122.91†	+1.07	0.75
European Gwth	71.06	75.60	+0.40	1.00
Global Bd	60.09	63.47†	+0.23	5.00
Global Eq	69.20	73.61	+0.51	0.50
Japanese Eq	62.62	66.62	+0.43	...
Japan Sm Cos	74.87	79.65†	+0.40	...
UK Gen	54.51	57.99	+0.13	2.80
UK Gwth	60.42	64.28	+0.27	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd. Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	67.78	72.11†	+0.08	3.96
Amer Smllr Cos	106.90	113.70	+0.10	...
Asian Smaller Cos	53.09	56.48	+0.12	...
Capital Portfolio	128.60	136.80†	+0.90	1.72
Capital	168.70	179.50	+0.90	0.31
Cash	122.70	122.70†	...	5.35
China Dragon	64.52	68.64	+0.47	0.62
Commodity	127.10	135.20	+0.90	0.47
Eastern Discovery	114.90	122.20	+1.10	...
Energy Inds	125.80	133.80	+1.0	0.53
European Gwth	199.60	212.30	+1.50	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	81.24	86.43	+0.52	1.71
Euro Smllr Cos	53.68	57.11	+0.18	...
Financial Secs	194.40	206.80	+0.80	0.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	49.53	52.27†	+0.06	8.64
Gold & Exploration	81.96	87.19	+0.70	0.03
High Return	231.80	246.60	+1.20	4.13
High Yield	225.10	239.50†	+0.90	3.66
Income	123.00	130.80	+0.60	4.08
Intl Bond	166.50	175.90†	+0.70	5.47
ITU	213.00	226.60†	+0.90	0.50
Japan Growth	187.70	199.70	+1.80	...
Japan Smaller	216.70	230.50†	+3.60	...
Korea	76.23	81.10	+0.37	...
Masterfund	57.36	61.02	+0.43	0.53
Scotbits	288.00	306.40	+1.30	0.86
Scotshares	298.10	317.10	+1.80	1.78
Scotyields	240.70	256.10	+1.90	3.19
Select Intl	146.50	155.90†	+0.60	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	258.30	274.80†	+0.60	2.94
SE Asia	593.40	631.30	+4.40	...
Special Situation	128.80	137.00	+0.70	0.50
UK Equity	245.70	261.40	-2.0	2.58
UK Growth	67.28	71.57†	+0.61	1.46
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	50.36	53.57	+0.05	0.99
US Growth	146.20	155.50	+0.10	0.11
Univ Growth	145.60	154.90†	+0.40	0.48
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House. 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	244.24	259.89	+0.17	0.78
European Gwth	77.52	82.61	+0.41	0.69
Euro Smllr Cos	76.92	82.04	+0.40	0.03
Far Eastern Gth	98.25	104.79	+0.31	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.67	55.53†	-0.06	7.48
Global Bond	52.82	54.57	+0.13	5.70
Global Emer Mkts	55.34	59.02†	+0.34	...
Income	356.45	380.21†	+0.34	3.56
Japan Smllr Cos	548.26	584.81	+6.87	...
Japan Enterprise	74.09	79.02†	+0.50	...
Pacific Gwth	140.21	149.55	+1.68	0.07
Seoul	52.72	57.04	+0.29	...
Smaller Cos	218.09	232.62	+0.34	0.48
Tokyo	130.32	139.00†	+1.36	...
UK Enterprise	252.72	269.56	+0.42	1.98
UK Equity	243.10	259.30	+0.56	2.53
US Smllr Cos	151.40	161.49	-0.01	..
World Fd	80.62	85.99	+0.28	1.72
Institutional Funds				
European	239.74	249.72	+1.13	1.19
Euro Smllr Cos	30.23	31.48	+0.16	1.50
Global Equity Inc	77.75	80.98†	+0.43	0.60
Japan Smllr Cos	41.93	43.67	+0.45	0.02
Mngd Balanced	189.95	197.86	...	2.50
Overseas Equity	188.31	196.15	...	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	128.62	133.97	...	0.29
Pacific	251.28	261.74†	...	0.86
Recovery	£20.14	£20.98	...	2.41
UK Index	154.37	160.80	...	2.93
UK Small Cos	121.18	126.22	...	2.26
US Smllr Cos	43.44	45.25†	...	0.24
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.64	55.00	+0.39	2.93
Equity Trust	59.12	62.96	-0.53	2.37
Equity Strategy	70.97	75.58	+0.45	0.95
European Opps	89.75	95.58	+0.90	..
UK Smaller Cos	66.09	70.39	-0.05	0.97
Maximum Income	98.58	101.12	+0.02	4.68
Japanese	86.47	92.09	+0.80	...
Asia Pacific	130.19	138.65	+1.17	0.60
American	101.32	108.12	+0.21	0.41
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.10	30.10	...	4.454
UK General Inc	52.47	56.13	+0.43	2.59
Intl Income	291.60	310.10†	+1.00	1.58
European	79.90	84.43	+0.43	1.36
Japan	75.86	80.49	+0.88	0.10
American	64.42	68.13	+0.01	2.14
Far East	89.89	95.80	-0.41	0.58
Ethical Inc	31.83	34.06	+0.02	1.73
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.48	35.81†	+0.16	2.73
High Inc Inc	37.57	40.41	+0.05	3.54
UK Global Inc	41.39	44.07	+0.13	1.31
Wwide Tact	75.62	81.04†	+0.46	0.68
Europe 2000 Tact	55.20	58.48	+0.27	0.86
Technology	101.30	108.09†	+0.44	1.01

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SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	382.30	[illegible]	+2.90	2.44
American	299.30	314.90	-0.70	0.80
Pacific	428.90	457.20	+2.00	0.02
European	545.30	580.40	+2.50	1.00
Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	0.80
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	270.70	294.40	+2.00	2.13
UK Str Co Eq Inc	212.70	226.10	+0.80	1.26
Select Opptnty Inc	69.19	74.05†	+0.31	2.03
Income Plus Inc	71.45	75.10†	+0.90	3.06
European Inc	151.30	160.50†	+1.90	1.43
Far Eastern Inc	179.40	190.90†	+1.40	0.63
Japanese Inc	68.98	73.39†	+0.37	.
Nth American Inc	242.30	257.80†	+0.90	0.44
Intl Growth Inc	209.40	222.80	+0.80	0.30
Wwide Venture Inc	80.10	85.10	+0.90	0.08
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2540				
Equity Growth Inc	24.02	25.71	+0.11	2.32
Intl Growth Inc	32.07	34.33	+0.10	0.61
Market Leaders Inc	22.72	24.32	+0.17	2.83
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902. Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	373.30	398.00	+2.40	2.30
UK High Inc	192.60	205.40	+0.80	3.42
Europe Inc	351.30	375.60	+2.40	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	212.40	226.50	+0.40	.
Global Inc	213.30	227.40	+1.90	0.53
UK Spec Sits Inc	107.70	114.90	+0.30	2.76
South East Asia	231.70	247.10	+0.70	0.73
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40		4.58
UK Smllr Cos Inc	113.00	120.00	+0.20	1.59
Intl Bond Inc	94.82	100.70	+0.40	6.03
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	165.80	174.20	+0.20	3.83
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton. Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	127.20	133.90	+0.40	0.77
Nth American	101.00	106.30	..	0.42
Intl Bond & Conv	129.80	136.60	+0.20	4.54
Pooled Pension (£)	187.30	201.40	...	...
Smaller Cos	74.93	78.87	+0.20	1.20
UK General	129.10	135.90	+1.50	1.92
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	415.26	441.77†	+0.82	3.85
Global Inc	67.71	72.03†	+0.30	2.52
Brit Leaders	330.05	351.12†	+0.84	2.39
Intl Leaders	204.58	217.64†	+1.10	0.88
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.94	66.43†	+0.06	0.68
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New St. London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	91.38		-0.04	1.27
Aztec	95.69	..	..	..
European‡	127.30	.. †	+1.10	0.0
Global Bond‡	98.61	. †	-0.03	6.73
Samurai‡	99.01	. †	+0.32	0.0
UK Growth‡	110.90	. †	-0.30	0.23
Tai Pan	103.70	.. †	+0.10	0.0
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
1 Riding House St. London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	298.10	304.90	-3.40	0.39
Canadian	80.08	84.73	-0.27	0.17
Capital	133.70	143.20	+0.10	0.97
Cash	100.41	100.41†	+0.01	4.39
European	139.30	147.30	.	0.30
Far Eastern	177.90	188.30†	-0.30	..
Growth	144.90	152.90	+0.50	1.08
Income	129.70	137.20	+0.60	4.36
Magnum	143.30	153.70	+0.90	0.93
Smllr Secs	384.90	407.30†	+1.00	0.78
Thoroughbred	166.00	178.10†	+0.50	0.86
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
12 Christchurch Rd. Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.41	50.91	+0.01	4.10
Chrtld Prtmnce	59.09	63.03	+0.26	7.60
Ethical	57.65	61.33†	+0.24	3.00
European Growth	74.16	79.10	+0.38	2.30
Income	57.26	61.07	+0.24	5.50
Intl Growth	99.47	106.10	+0.30	2.60
Managed	83.03	88.56	+0.43	3.30
UK Growth	62.84	67.02	+0.37	3.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD				
3 George St. Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.79	53.97	+0.20	1.44
UK Equity Gth Acc	70.92	75.36	-0.20	1.28
-do- High Inc Inc	38.36	40.76†	...	3.36
-do- High Inc Acc	46.51	49.42	...	3.36
UK Equity Gen Acc	61.60	65.45	+0.40	2.14
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.07	48.95†	+0.30	2.14
UK Lrgr Co Acc	437.60	464.00	+3.00	3.33
UK Lrgr Co Inc	320.30	347.50†	+2.30	3.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.10	32.89†	..	6.38
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	313.30	340.00	+0.10	1.44
Nth American Acc	43.30	46.01	-0.10	0.84
Far East Acc	70.21	74.60	-0.40	0.09
European Acc	53.79	57.16	+0.40	0.50
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
28 King Street. London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (N2$)	3.841	4.080	...	1.45
US Eqts (US$)	2.254	2.393	...	0.71
Far East Eqts (yen)	265.40	281.90	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	257.50	273.50	...	...
FT Europe	130.20	138.30	...	1.09
FT N Amer (US$)	1.712	1.815	...	0.86
FT Japan (yen)	240.20	255.10	...	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.470	2.624	...	0.57
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
45 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	360.80	389.60	+0.50	0.06
British	£10.68	£11.30	+2.70	3.23
Emgng Mkts	158.20	168.50	+1.20	0.20
European	532.10	566.70	+0.80	0.97
Japan	169.40	179.90	+1.00	...
New Pacific	394.00	421.60	+5.20	0.72
Investment Tst	233.20	247.20†	+0.70	1.10
Mngd Equity	179.70	190.10	-0.10	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.68	95.68	+0.01	4.51
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	828.60	886.20	+4.80	3.19
North America	127.60	136.50	+0.20	0.52
Far East	156.40	167.30	+0.70	...
Wwide Bond	58.32	61.91†	+0.22	4.55
European	109.30	116.90	+0.50	...
Equity Income	94.44	101.00	+0.30	4.63
Portfolio	87.94	94.05†	+0.37	0.95
UK Leading Cos	59.06	62.83	+0.40	3.93
Broker Trust:				
Inmi Equity	70.01	74.88	+0.13	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
Basingview. Basingstoke. Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.23	36.61	+0.04	0.57
Managed Assets	129.04	138.02	+0.56	2.60
UK Income	40.05	42.84	+0.13	2.89
UK Growth	39.42	42.17	+0.23	2.19
Worldwide Growth	35.55	38.03	+0.14	0.42
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
101. Cannon St. London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	50.18	53.67	+0.03	0.10
Cap Protector Inc	43.14	46.14	-0.02	2.39
UK Income Inc	53.34	57.05	-0.30	2.73
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.79	35.07	+0.08	3.35
Mngd High Yld Inc	81.79	87.48	+0.08	3.84
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	78.28	83.72	+0.40	2.52
Mngd Wwide Gth	38.12	40.75	+0.03	...
UK Smaller Cos	35.99	38.49	+0.05	1.39
Pacific Grth Port	46.44	49.67	+0.13	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	537.60	568.90	+2.40	2.22
Fixed Int Dist	119.40	123.70	+0.10	7.70
UK Indx Trck Dist	130.40	138.00	-0.80	2.87
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
Charlton Pl. Andover. Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	210.09	223.50	+1.63	...
Brit Growth	95.97	102.10†	+1.24	1.88
European	115.55	122.93	+0.31	0.18
Extra Income	204.59	217.65	+0.98	3.79
Smaller Cos	78.03	83.01	+0.11	1.08
General	290.94	309.51	+1.75	2.15
Premier Income	52.16	54.33†	+0.13	5.80
Income	357.79	380.62	+1.36	3.32
Pacific	446.19	474.67	+7.99	...
International	567.81	604.05†	+6.84	0.17
Nat Resources	172.40	182.41†	+1.36	0.14
Slctd Opps	113.71	120.97†	+0.41	1.06
Environmental Inv	64.09	68.18	+1.04	1.83
Selector	66.36	70.59†	+0.24	2.10
High Income	66.35	70.59	+0.30	4.30
Intl Income	59.37	63.16†	+0.21	4.80
Selector Income	62.86	66.87†	+0.24	4.89
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
NLA Tower. Addiscombe Road. Croydon 081 667 1033				
British	337.60	355.30	+1.70	2.52
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Saltire Court. 20 Castle Terrace. Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	201.28	215.27	+0.92	1.62
Glob Balncd Inc	170.65	182.52	+0.64	2.88
Value Tst Inc	122.97	131.52	+0.80	1.47
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Queen Street. London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smllr Cos	63.63	67.87	+0.03	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.71	43.83	+0.22	5.90
Japan Tst	93.71	99.95†	+0.68	...
Little Dragons	99.53	106.18†	+0.66	...
Oriental Income	49.26	52.54†	+0.29	4.70
Tiger	281.40	300.16†	+1.57	...
UK Blue Chip	63.68	67.99	+0.26	2.90
UK Smllr Cos	107.07	114.51†	+0.12	1.00
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	221.02	235.75	+0.15	0.70
European Growth	287.07	304.19†	+0.19	0.80
Exempt	534.77	558.39†	+1.91	3.40
UK High Yield	107.28	114.73†	+0.67	3.30
Iberian Growth	49.09	52.36†	+0.35	...
Intl Growth	108.17	115.26†	+0.47	0.60
Preference	124.67	133.34†	+0.14	8.18
UK Recovery	279.68	299.12†	+4.22	1.80
UK Smlr Cos Div	105.02	112.32	+0.58	4.30
UK Growth	519.39	555.49†	...	2.14
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	29.99	31.90	-0.33	...
Pacific Basin	40.08	43.28	+0.19	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	32.18	34.23	-0.34	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.90	0.93	-0.00	6.01
Penny Share	30.0	31.91	+0.11	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
2 Honey Lane. London EC2V 8BT 071 600 8462				
Challenger	95.76	97.97	+0.28	...
Short Dtd Gilt	109.70	111.10†	+0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73	+0.00	2.27
Gilt Income	51.28	53.38†	+0.04	7.00
Gilt Growth	70.91	73.70	+0.17	...
City Reserve	52.35	52.35	...	4.39
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
2 White Oak Square. Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	79.81	84.80	-0.09	1.73

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Shares reverse early gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 25. Dealings end May 13. §Contango day May 16. Settlement day May 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	432	Abbey Nat	442 †	-6	...	4.0	14.9
314	241	Allied Irish	248 †	...	...	5.1	9.5
278½	220½	Aus New Z	229½	-2½	...	4.0	17.7
3281¼	2637½	Bankamerica	2843¾	...	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	270	+1	...	4.8	18.0
247	180	Bank Scotland	185	-1	4.6	3.2	28.1
640	487	Barclays	510 †	-8	...	3.7	21.1
37	17½	Cattle	31½	...	...	...	...
655	533	Cater Allen	555	+10	28.0	6.3	...
180	138	Cattles	151 †	+1	...	4.1	15.5
2350¾	1543¾	Chase Manh	2215¾	...	...	...	...
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2687½	...	...	...	...
289½	217	Close Bros	253	...	...	3.2	13.7
£150½	£130½	Commerzbk	£140½	+3½	...	2.7	...
£344½	£297½	Deutsche Bk	£308½	-17½	...	2.0	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	72	...	...	2.6	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1465	-19½	...	0.4	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	448	+39	22.0	6.4	∞
1113	720	HSBC	728 †	-10	23.5	4.0	∞
1133	740	HSBC HK	744 †	-12	23.5	3.9	∞
473	340	Hambros	358	-6	14.3	5.0	16.5
443	408	Joseph (L)	415	...	16.7	5.0	...
170	132	King Shaxson	140	...	9.0	8.0	...
693	438	Kleinwort Ben	481 †	-2	...	4.8	8.6
600	532	Lloyds	582 †	-8	...	4.7	12.3
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	108	...	3.4	3.9	18.3
680½	537¾	Nat Aust Bk	560½	-1	...	4.2	13.6
622	438	Nat West	455 †	+3	...	5.1	10.4
723	430	Provident	488 †	+4	...	4.1	15.5
75	39	Rea Bros	75 †	...	...	1.3	19.3
528	382½	Ryl Bk Scot	393	+3	...	3.5	17.8
1480	1050	Schroders	1285 †	...	16.5	1.6	∞
1437	990	Stand Chart	994 †	-11	...	3.0	10.9
291	209½	TSB	209½	-3½	...	4.6	14.3
199	148	Union	148 ‡	-2	...	2.5	∞
1082	699	Warburg SG	717	-15	...	3.4	10.5
£101½	8612½	Wells Fargo	9556½	...	...	2.8	...
260	207	Westpac	225	+2	...	2.4	∞
390	310	Wintrust	348	...	...	3.4	31.1

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	586	-2	...	4.7	16.3
619	507	Bass	553	...	...	4.4	15.0
298	257	Boddington	279	+4	...	3.6	15.6
459	389	Bulmer (HP)	394	...	...	3.3	15.8
193	168	Burtonwd Brw	177	+4	4.2	3.4	14.8
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	145	...	...	3.1	20.1
66	56	Fosters Brewing	59	+½	...	4.9	69.3
498	433	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	436	1	7.5	2.2	18.3
506	427½	Grand Met	469	-6	...	3.5	20.4
511	439	Greenalls Grp	466	+1	...	3.3	15.8
584	476	Greene King	481	...	...	3.2	12.5
542	460	Guinness	477 †	-2	...	3.4	15.4
281	239	Hardy Hansn	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
160	135	Hewitreea▲	150	...	...	3.0	13.6
437	353	Highland Distl	412 †	+13	...	2.1	19.5
3225	3125	Holt J	3168	...	48.0	1.9	∞
161	127	Macallan-Glen	144 †	...	...	1.0	39.8
485	365	Mandn Marsn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	195	Mansfield	195	...	...	2.6	14.0
302	282	Mrston Thmp	267½	+2½	...	2.6	14.9
595	546	Matthew Clark	555	...	...	4.1	31.8
250	125	Mrydwn W	143	...	7.0	6.1	12.8
545	463	Morland	495	...	...	2.5	17.0
11	9½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.0	17.1
267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521¼	1000	SA Breweries	1377½	+43½	...	2.0	22.7
591	510	Scot & New	524	-4	...	4.1	16.0
190	142	Taunton Cider	150	+5	6.2	5.2	11.7
306	266	Vaux Group	282	...	...	4.1	18.8
403½	334½	Wetherspoon JD	370 ‡	...	...	2.0	24.4
617	511½	Whitbread	545	-2	...	4.1	13.1
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	554	+3	...	2.8	15.6
530	483	Young 'A'	529	...	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	155	Abbey	170	...	...	1.5	27.9
27	18	Albrighton▲	20	...	...	0.6	...
200	148	Allen▲	181	...	...	3.5	41.0
164	118	Amec	132 †	+1	...	2.8	16.0
454	333	Ashtead▲	396	...	...	1.5	26.4
165	109	Attwoods	128	+2	...	5.2	...
363	309	BPB Ind	330	+3	...	2.9	39.5
127	93	Baggeridge Brk	126	...	...	3.0	37.9
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	...	2.4	∞
88	64	Barcom	81	...	...	5.9	7.2
60	46½	Bardon	46½	-½	2.0	5.4	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	234 †	...	...	2.7	25.1
169	158	Beazer Homes	164	+1	...	3.8	14.4
304	230	Bellway	234	-4	...	3.2	22.0
59	46	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	237	-5	...	...	...
573	472	Berkeley Gp	472	-1	...	1.7	25.5
210	118	Bett Bros	210	...	...	1.6	26.9
93	60	Blockleys	69 †	...	1.0	1.6	∞
391	305	Blue Circle	307 †	+1	...	4.6	27.2
355	277	Boot (Henry)	328 †	...	6.5	2.5	∞
117	89	Breedon PLC	94 †	...	4.6	6.1	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	145 †	...	5.6	4.8	∞
98	78	Brit Fittings	86 †	...	2.0	2.0	∞
197½	149	Bryant	150½	-2½	...	3.8	23.8
145½	111½	CALA	130 ‡	+2	...	2.5	...
409	348	CRH	386 †	...	...	2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
42	27½	Costain	33	...	...	...	0.8
185	152	Countryside	155	...	...	3.3	34.4
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	112	...	...	1.1	...
140	103	Cussins	121	...	3.0	3.2	∞
28½	19	Edmond Hldgs	28½	...	0.3	1.3	∞
340	273	Epwin	336	+1	...	2.8	21.8
82	57	Erith	75 †	...	1.0	1.7	∞
473	435	Eve Group▲	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
60	41	Galliford	49	+1	...	2.6	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	104	...	2.5	3.0	∞
1028	913	Gleeson (MJ)	970 †	...	...	1.6	16.9
218	195	Graham Grp	209	...	...	2.8	20.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	163 †	-1	2.9	2.3	∞
55	46	Hewetson	55	+1	...	2.8	40.6
473	383	Heywd Wms	404 †	-5	...	4.0	26.9
145	122	Higgs & Hill	138 †	+1	...	2.3	...
41	27	How Gp	41	+7	...	2.3	∞
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	80	Ibstock Johnsen	81 †	+1	1.0	1.5	∞
25	16	Jarvis	22	...	...	...	...
428	305	Laing (J)	360 †	...	...	3.1	25.6
164	122	-do- 6.4% Cr Pf	137½	...	...	5.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale▲	135	...	...	4.4	26.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	123	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	369 †	...	...	3.4	19.4
213½	154	Marley	172 †	+4	...	3.1	28.1
155	128	Marshalls	137	...	...	3.6	...
253	196	Maunders (J)	243 †	...	...	2.7	23.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	279 †	...	...	2.9	36.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	62½	-1½	...	1.0	...
569	476	Meyer Int	485	...	...	2.6	48.6
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	106 †	...	...	2.4	...
252	150	NSM	228	-7	...	...	...
48	36	Needler ▲	36	...	...	...	...
196	164	Newman Tnks	159 †	+4	...	4.6	22.7
379½	283	Persimmon	289 ‡	-1	...	3.9	25.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1509½	...	28.0	2.4	21.4
198	169	Prowting	169	-3	3.4	2.5	...
1079	916	RMC Gp	947 †	+1	...	2.8	28.6
116	84½	Raine Ind	88½	+½	...	2.9	18.8
40	23	Ramus▲	30	...	...	...	...
640	524	Redland	552 †	+2	...	5.7	33.3
92	70	Roskel	92 †	...	4.3	5.8	...
371	288	Rugby Group	300 †	...	...	2.8	20.3
55	53	Sarex Rertie	55	+1	...	...	...
84	50	Swfld-Rvsa	60 †	...	0.5	1.0	∞
189	158½	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	...	...	3.3	∞
288	249	Sheffield Insl	259 †	-1	...	2.6	20.8
270	233	Sheriff Hldgs▲	269	...	...	1.7	25.6
140	94	Shorco▲	140 †	...	5.2	4.6	∞
245	218	Smart (J)	238	...	...	4.9	16.4
5	2	Starmin	4	+¼	...	...	...
206	167½	Tarmac	172	+1	...	4.1	∞
257	192	Tay Homes	213 †	...	...	3.5	22.9
183	138	Taylor Woodrw	155 †	-4	1.5	1.2	∞
760	630	Tilbury Dougls	701	-4	33.0	6.1	∞
60	36	Torex Hire▲	50	...	...	1.5	...
370	300	Travis Perkins	320 †	+8	...	3.1	25.9
29½	16	Trencherwood	24½	...	...	...	...
40½	25½	Try Group	27 †	+1	...	2.3	∞
28	21	Tudor▲	25 †	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	97	...	2.5	3.2	34.9
74	52	Ward Hldgs	70	...	...	...	...
45	33	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
225½	186	Westbury	186	-3	5.0	3.4	29.0
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	464	Wilson Bowdn	467 †	-6	...	2.5	17.6
259	185	Wilson (C)	214	+4	4.1	2.4	∞
249	180	Wimpey G	192 †	...	...	3.4	28.7
30	20	YRM	27	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	633	-5	...	...	...
438	253	Adam & Harvey	438	...	13.0	3.7	8.0
83	63	Air London▲	68	...	...	6.6	14.5
62	44	African Lakes	53 †	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	109	-1	...	7.0	∞
162	130	BET Ord	123	...	...	2.3	5.0
177	115	BNB Res	175 †	...	4.9	3.5	∞
255	188	BPP	190 †	...	...	5.8	13.8
186	152	BSM	165	...	...	4.4	14.0
235	205	Barbour Index	213	...	8.1	4.8	14.5
1½	1	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
23	17	Boustead	22	...	...	0.7	4.0
226	169	Brit Data Mgt	175 †	...	...	4.9	3.5	12.8
31	22	Broadcastle▲	28 †	+1	...	4.5	13.4
76	58	Brooks Service	67 †	...	1.5	2.8	∞
121	98	CRT Gp	109 †	...	...	3.3	19.7
238	205	Capita Group	229 †	...	2.5	1.4	∞
59	47½	Carlisle Plc	55½	+2	...	2.0	21.3
29½	7½	Chiltern Capital	23½	-½	...	...	...
85	63	Christie	65	-1	...	...	...
423	361	Chubb Sec	390	...	...	1.7	24.2
132	104	Comac	113	...	...	1.7	29.1
61	41	Corp Services	60 †	...	0.2	0.5	∞
97	81	Coutts Cnslig	92½	...	...	...	...
179	142	Darr	160	...	3.3	2.6	21.7
276	235	Davis Service	239 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
154	119	EW Pacts▲	133 †	...	...	4.5	10.0
34	25	Gardiner	29½	...	...	3.6	11.4
334	282	Hays	311 †	+1	...	2.2	24.0
280	245	Hogg Robinsn	261	...	...	3.2	19.0
39	26	Holmes Protectn	26	-3	...	...	1.6
365½	259½	Hutch Whamp	279	+1½	...	1.7	23.1
2496½	2090½	ISS B DKr	2346½	+6½	...	0.9	13.1
609	503	Inchcape	553 †	+1	...	3.3	18.9
1035	864	Johnson Clean	974 †	...	27.0	3.5	∞
8	4	Lnp	5½	...	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	365	...	4.0	1.4	25.2
1300	1156½	Manpower	1259½	...	20.0	1.1	...
79½	65	Michael Page	77½	...	...	3.4	∞
115	108	Pennna	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
89½	60½	Proudfoot	76 ‡	...	...	5.8	...
415	355	RCO	398	...	15.2	4.8	13.3
110	97	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
137	104	Reed Executive	137	...	1.0	0.9	∞
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	115	...	4.5	4.9	30.2
270	226	Rentokil	240 †	+5	2.8	1.5	∞
368	295	Ritblt & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
392	254	Salvesen (C)	258	...	...	3.8	17.1
58	43	Scott Pickford▲	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
17½	9	Select Appt▲	15½	+1½	...	...	...
307	253½	Serco Gp	283	-1	...	1.5	∞
129	75	Sherwd Cmp▲	116	+4	...	1.9	...
130	100	Sketchley	121	...	...	3.1	27.7
338	325	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
35	24	Welpac	26	...	...	...	...
30½	25½	Wills Gp	26½	...	...	2.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
282	231	Allied Colloids	282	+7	...	1.9	26.0
141	988	Amersham	1014	-1	...	1.7	29.2
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
136½	£108½	BASF DM	£130½	-25½	...	3.4	...
373	304	BTP	344	-3	...	3.5	27.6
59½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£159½	-26½	...	2.8	...
85	105	Blagden	133	...	1.5	1.4	14.3
31	98	Brent Chems	122 †	...	...	4.1	...
60	311½	Br Bio-Tech	411 †	+26	...	...	...
13	5½	Caird Gp	8½	...	...	...	23.6
99	153	Canning (W)	184 †	+2	7.2	3.0	∞
70	470	Courtaulds	569	+9	...	3.1	14.2
94	327½	Croda	382 †	...	...	2.7	19.5
33	109	Doeflex	128 †	...	4.6	4.5	∞
82	227	Ellis & Everard	270	+2	...	3.4	22.6
46½	35½	Euro Colour	40½	...	0.8	2.4	22.3
51	337	Halstead (J)	343 †	...	...	2.5	16.0
23	174	Hickson	216 †	-1	...	4.6	20.8
62½	£108½	Hoechst	£142½	+10½	...	2.6	...
33	153½	Holliday Chem	223 ‡	+1	...	2.2	∞
54	728	ICI	831 †	-22	...	4.1	67.1
13	722	Laporte	813 †	+6	...	3.2	22.0
88	190	Leigh	202	+6	...	4.7	18.2
34	48	MTM	74	+¼	...	...	...
10	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2362½	+3½	...	1.4	∞
5	401	Paterson Zoch	514 †	-7	...	3.1	15.5
5	416	-do- 'A'	488 †	...	...	3.3	12.8
0	215	Plysu	216	-1	...	4.1	18.4
9	265	Porvair	348	-1	...	1.5	26.1
6	54	Sutcliffe Speak	61	+4	...	...	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
490	417	Wardle Storeys	417 †	-2	...	5.2	21.8
695	570	Wolstnhme R	653 †	...	...	3.4	16.3
483	390	Yorks Chem	440	+5	...	2.3	20.8
336	258	Yule Catto	336 †	...	6.3	2.3	∞
869	681	Zeneca	687 †	-4	...	5.0	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	42	Alexon	43	...	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	224	...	...	3.4	16.7
410	339	Argos Plc	365 †	-2	...	2.7	19.6
11½	6	Ashley Group	7	...	...	3.3	...
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	...	0.1	...
367	305	Asprey	321	...	5.8	2.0	20.7
200	176	Austin Reed	198 †	...	...	3.5	∞
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	+1	...	5.0	15.5
150	110	Bentalls	138	...	2.0	1.9	∞
165	122	Betterware	123	...	...	2.2	14.7
44	36	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
264½	214	Body Shop	215	-1	...	1.0	27.7
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	5½	-¼	...	...	...
491	420	Brown (N)	465	+1	...	3.0	27.3
74½	51	Burton	54½	+1	...	4.6	...
245	190	Cantors	191	...	...	2.6	26.6
520	390	Church	395 †	...	...	4.1	22.7
171	148	Clinton Cards	158 †	...	4.7	3.7	∞
282	225½	Coats Viyella	241 †	-1	...	4.1	21.0
120	48	Colourvision▲	48	...	5.6	14.6	8.6
170	157	Cty Casuals	168	...	...	3.3	∞
903	843	Courts Furnish	841	...	5.6	0.8	10.6
230	155	Crown Eyes▲	175	...	7.5	5.4	12.0
137	92½	Dairy Farm Intl	101	+4½	...	3.8	∞
122	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	118 †	...	1.4	1.5	∞
287	193	Dixons Grp	210	+7	...	3.8	...
11½	7½	EBA Gp	9½	...	...	...	...
590	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	590	...	17.0	3.2	∞
284	217	Essex Furn	252	...	...	1.9	40.2
286	217	Etam	245	...	7.5	3.9	∞
538	497	Fine Art Dev	496	...	13.0	3.3	16.2
90	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
715	680	Forminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
155	124	French Conn▲	154	+4	...	...	...
73	66	Geni SR	66 †	...	...	4.3	20.5
114	85	Goldsmiths Gp	111	...	...	1.2	19.7
653	558	GUS	601	-10	...	2.4	18.6
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	...
83	51	Hanstone	51	-3	...	...	...
170	88	Heritage▲	88	...	...	...	...
91	68	Honeysuckle▲	73 †	+1	...	4.3	10.7
211	173	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
778	544	Kingfisher	574	-3	...	3.3	∞
88	74	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	...	6.5	15.6
575	505	Liberty	525 †	+10	7.2	1.6	∞
380	325	Lloyds Chem	334 †	+6	...	3.0	11.1
184	158	MFI	159½	-2	...	3.0	22.5
460½	403½	Marks Spencer	441	-1	...	2.4	22.5
680	569	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
333	238	Moss Bros	333	...	7.0	2.7	∞
251	214	Next	225	...	...	3.1	12.8
70	39	Oliver (G)	68	-1	...	...	73.2
335	255	Ostlams Intl	274	-1	...	4.5	13.4
37	22½	Pentos	27 †	...	...	...	...
268	225	QS Hldgs	225	...	...	2.9	26.1
62	33	Rhino Grp▲	39½	...	0.5	1.9	∞
209	178	Rosebys	189 †	+1	4.6	3.1	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	140 †	...	...	2.6	∞
132	113	Sears	121½	-2	...	3.9	20.2
42	23½	Signet Group	42	+1	...	...	...
549	484	Smith WH 'A'	500	...	...	3.7	16.1
127	115	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	11	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
252	212	Storehouse	214	...	...	2.9	21.2
198	146	T & S Stores	181 †	-1	...	4.2	13.5
173	135	Tie Rack	138	-2	1.7	1.6	∞
265	232	Time Products	232	...	7.7	4.2	20.0
132	111	Usher (Frank)▲	116	...	6.0	6.5	12.6
465	384	Vendome	436	...	...	1.8	20.3
44	34	Vista	41 †	...	1.2	3.8	∞
70	42	WEW Group	43	-1	...	1.8	31.4
51	42	Wensum▲	51	...	2.0	5.0	∞
120	102	Wickes	109	-1	...	1.2	26.0
89	54	Wld of Leather▲	84	...	...	...	...
195	175	Wyevale	180	...	4.4	3.1	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	137	ACT Group	174	...	...	3.6	17.5
278	248	Acal▲	278 †	+6	...	3.0	21.1
580	478	Admiral	560 †	...	...	1.4	20.6
190	163	Alba	175	...	...	3.5	19.9
42	34	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
50	31½	Amstrad	32	+½	...	2.0	...
105	73	App Holds▲	93	...	...	...	...
39	27	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
94½	80	Astec	87½	...	...	1.3	21.7
277	242½	Azlan	277	+4	...	1.4	33.0
283	239	Bowles Hunter	266	...	...	4.5	16.4
4½	2	Bennett & Fountn	2	...	...	...	...
478	393	BICC	451 †	+1	...	5.3	33.0
535	470	Bick	502	...	...	2.5	18.5
1100	750	Bodand▲	837½	...	...	...	...
380	325	Bowthorpe	334 †	+2	...	2.6	18.7
486	376½	BT	376½	-8	...	5.3	18.2
367	258	BT P/P	258	-8½	...	5.3	17.8
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
79	58	Burnfield	75 †	...	0.1	0.8	...
543	426	Cable Wireless	433	-9	...	4.2	58.3
35½	24	Chloride	34½	...	...	2.1	23.7
276	268	CML Microm	276	...	...	4.2	20.1
182	105	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
200	159½	Cray Elect	186	+1½	...	1.2	18.1
447	413	Crittaley	413	...	...	1.5	23.8
564	482	Delta	563 †	+18	...	3.2	25.0
643	446	Denmans El▲	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
538	400	Domino	473	...	...	2.1	20.3
78	71	Dowding Mills	78 †	...	...	4.0	26.2
1635	1220	Druck▲	1445	...	10.3	0.9	29.0
589	506	Electrocompnts	514	...	...	2.0	28.9
199½	178	El Data Prc	179	...	...	1.3	15.3
175	133	Electron House	145	+2	...	2.4	20.8
35	21	Emess	30½	...	0.1	0.4	∞
414	359½	Eurotherm	414	+13	...	1.4	28.1
212	183	FKI	198	-1	...	2.1	29.0
686	546	Farnell Elect	576	-1	...	1.6	23.4
75	63	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	286	Flux Tech	305	...	...	0.8	25.4
262	215	Forward Gp▲	245	+3	4.0	2.0	17.3
36½	14½	Forward Tech	36 †	+1	...	0.9	78.0
353½	288	GEC	304	-1	10.4	4.3	15.2
191	159	Crasby	160 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
14½	11	Graystone	13½	...	...	0.9	...
48	39	Hillclare▲	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
195	149	Ind Control	154 †	-1	...	3.7	13.7
388	333	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
141	99	Kalamazoo	118	...	2.7	2.9	27.4
14	9½	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
386	349	Kenwood App	363	-2	...	2.7	20.4
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	270	+12	...	...	...
165	115	Kode	115 †	...	...	6.5	16.5
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	27	...	...	...	...
148	95	LBMS▲	99	...	0.7	0.9	14.0
300	253	Lec Refrig	280 †	...	...	4.0	...
171	126	Life Sciences	131 †	...	...	3.7	13.8
314	270	Logica	298 †	-2	...	1.7	34.4
52	47	LPA Ind▲	51	...	...	6.0	...
216	189	MR Data Mngmt	214	-1	...	3.2	23.8
723	638	Macro 4	640 †	...	...	3.8	19.2
281	210	Menvier-Sw▲	224	...	...	2.2	19.5
1138	795	Micro Focus	818	+10	...	...	7.8
178	145	Microgen	148	+1	...	6.1	14.9
39½	31	Microvitec▲	34	-¼	...	...	...
548½	478	Misys	491 †	+3	...	1.9	18.3
494	234	Mitel	240	...	...	...	...
178	143	MMT Comp▲	178	...	...	2.9	23.6
37	27½	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
310	290	MTL Instr▲	310 †	...	...	1.7	20.0
141	141	Muirhead Elecr	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	128	Murray Ent	135	+1	...	1.9	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2437½	...	...	...	...
128	84	Neotronics	97	...	...	3.4	16.9
55	51	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
371	279	Norbain▲	345	...	...	0.5	26.6
69	47	Northamber	69	...	0.6	1.1	...
9½	7	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	290	Oxford Inst	291	...	4.6	2.0	20.0
87	62	P & P	70 †	...	...	3.7	16.8
98	77½	Peek	82 †	...	...	5.2	14.0
235	184	Pegasus▲	197	+2	...	3.2	21.4
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2021½	1400	-do- Lmp DV	1953½	+9½	...	0.9	9.1
440	330	Phonelink▲	410	-11	...	...	...
340	283	Pilco	334 †	...	...	1.6	28.0
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	...	...	1.7	27.2
90	70	Plasmec▲	88	...	3.0	4.4	∞
121	100	Pressac	116 †	+1	...	2.8	23.7
281	181	Psion▲	280 †	...	...	1.2	30.6
240	187	Racal Elect	239	+3	4.2	2.2	14.2
50	33	Radamec	36	...	...	5.2	7.7
39	27	Radius▲	29	-1	0.4	1.9	∞
118	73	Real Time ▲	107	+1	...	3.5	22.0
600	507	Sage Gp	599	-1	...	2.2	18.3
350	310	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.8	3.8	13.8
89	72	Scantronic	73	...	3.1	5.4	20.0
212	162	Scholes Grp	200 †	...	...	3.2	20.8
410	310	Sema Gp	410	+1	...	0.9	24.6
270	250	Servomex	260 †	...	...	3.1	29.1
49	41	Silvermines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	63	Soundtracks▲	76	...	...	3.9	19.1
3118½	2265½	TDK	2981½	-34½	...	1.1	33.9
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	11	-½	...	...	...
170	100	Telemetrix	103 †	-1	...	1.2	12.1
292	191	Telspec	269	...	...	1.2	33.0
1165	979	THORN EMI	1134	-5	...	3.5	26.3
196	133	Thorpe FW	188 †	...	...	1.9	16.8
43	34	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	280	Tunstall	289	+1	...	1.5	20.7
324	256	Unitech	324	...	...	2.4	55.1
16	12	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
31	22	Vistec▲	27½	...	0.3	1.2	16.2
637	496	Vodafone	530	+5	...	1.8	23.4
483	444	Volex	454	-1	16.1	5.0	18.6
31	20	Western Selectn	29	...	0.2	1.1	...
335	265	Wholesale Ftgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	556	East Midlands	585	-3	...	4.6	10.0
725½	593	Eastern Elect	593	-8	...	4.3	11.3
477	334	Hydro-Elect	342	+3	...	4.3	12.0
733½	566	London Elect	579	-9	...	4.6	10.9
850	663	Manweb	677	-6	...	4.0	8.5
767	587	Midlands Elec	587	-10	...	4.5	9.3
505	429	National Powr	432	-8	...	3.2	10.7
806	625	Northern Elec	636	-5	...	4.4	8.5
301	209	Nthn Ireland	225	+7	...	3.6	11.6
806	627	Norweb	640	-3	28.8	4.1	9.2
582	481	PowerGen	491	-6	...	2.9	12.7
486	356	Scottish Power	359	-2	...	4.0	13.5
435	300	Seeboard	311	-6	...	4.1	9.7
825	623	Sth Wales	646	-3	...	4.5	9.9
743	567	Sth Western	595	-2	...	4.4	9.8
745½	578	Southern Elec	582	-4	...	4.4	7.7
725½	569	Yorkshire Elec	573	-13	...	4.7	10.8

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	-1	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	116	BWD▲	116	...	4.0	4.3	18.1
118	96	Baltic Plc	107 †	...	...	1.8	11.9
215	175	Blotec Inv	181	+1	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	678	-2	...	2.8	25.2
2500	1900	Camellia	2450	...	...	1.5	9.2
363	318	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.2	...
405	367	Govett	380	...	...	5.0	7.8
290	185	Ivory Sime	217½	+½	...	4.0	18.8

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
423	245	Johnson Fry	263	+13	...	...	...
245	174	Lon Pacific▲	175	+1	...	6.6	10.0
87	77	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	22½	+½	...	...	0.5
58	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	270	Rathbone Bs	270 †	...	...	3.4	14.6
20	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
400	310	S & U	370	...	11.5	3.9	∞
114	85	Singer & Fried	93 †	-2	...	4.3	11.6
1260	1063	Sotheby	1130	...	...	1.4	...
186	131	SIP Capital	149	...	3.0	2.5	61.5
224	203	Towry Law	230	...	...	2.7	20.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2300	1856½	Amer Express	1975	...	...	2.6	22.1
229	184	Gartmore	191	...	...	5.7	21.3
1208	923	Henderson Ad	923	...	...	2.5	18.4
251½	166	Invesco	172½	-1½	...	2.5	18.4
317	224½	Jardine Strat	250½	-4	...	3.4	∞
329	260	MAI	275 †	+6	...	3.1	15.0
770	598	MAM	598	-5	16.0	3.4	14.7
1263	908	M & G	908	-1	...	3.4	19.0
496	343	Smith New Ct	380	+2	...	2.4	3.5
65	34	Tno Hldgs	35	...	...	8.9	11.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	AB Food	597	+1	...	3.2	11.5
66	54	ASDA Group	55½	-½	1.6	3.7	...
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	330	...	...	2.1	11.8
74	54	Albert Fisher	58 †	+2	...	8.3	12.5
305½	228½	Argyll	235½	-3½	...	6.2	8.4
270	230	Banks (S C)	260	+2	9.0	4.3	9.9
358	305	Barr (AG)	325	+5	...	2.5	21.0
72	56	Benjamin Crop▲	69 †	+1	...	5.2	22.9
481	402	Booker	408 †	+2	...	6.7	∞
56½	48	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
505	459	Brake Bros	459	...	6.8	1.9	∞
43	27	Budgen	27	-1	...	6.0	8.2
545	462	Cadbury-Schw	484 †	+1	...	3.7	16.4
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
167	136	Cranswick	136	...	...	7.4	12.9
17	13	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
154	90	Dalepak	109	...	...	5.7	31.8
543	440	Dalgety	458 †	+4	...	5.6	13.4
87	30	Daniels S	77 †	...	...	8.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	259 †	+1	...	2.7	∞
101	60	Everest	75 †	...	...	6.2	14.3
393	358	Fairpak	393	...	5.9	1.9	34.2
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	70	Finlay (James)	83	...	...	6.2	27.6
105	94	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	227	Geest	227	...	8.1	4.5	∞
20½	14	Global▲	18 †	...	0.5	3.5	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
194	137	Hazlewood Fds	152	...	...	5.3	8.6
196½	159	Hillsdown	169 †	...	...	6.5	13.5
211	147	Iceland Group	156 †	-1	...	3.0	9.9
111	100	JLI Group	102	...	...	5.5	11.8
686	554	Kwik Save	556	+2	...	4.1	10.0
193	138	Low (Wm)	160 †	+8	...	6.4	5.7
113	85	Matthews (B)	97 †	...	...	3.2	15.5
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11	+½	0.9	10.8	22.5
128	99	Morrison (W)	122 †	+1	...	1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228 †	...	...	3.2	15.2
271½	206½	Nthn Foods	223	+6	...	4.8	10.9
13	9	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	11	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	222	-1	...	3.7	12.3
124	89½	Park Foods	120	+1	...	2.3	27.8
81	64	Perkins Food	72 †	+2	...	7.7	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	127	...	...	0.5	26.8
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	3½	+½	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	374	+2	...	3.4	13.1
96	73	Sentry Farm▲	85 †	...	2.2	3.3	∞
122	79	Sims Food	81	...	...	10.0	15.6
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	449	+9	...	3.6	12.0
254	200½	Tesco	212½	+½	...	4.6	9.7
198	162	Thorntons	170 †	...	...	2.7	...
229	185	Treats▲	214	...	...	2.3	17.4
434½	346	Unigate	394	+6	...	5.2	12.9
388	334	Utd Biscuits	359 †	...	...	5.3	15.2
21	18	Usborne	19½ #	...	...	3.4	14.4
422	279	Watson & Phil	370	...	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	41	+1	...	8.2	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abacus Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	79	City Centre Rest	86 †	+3	1.7	2.6	∞
285	232	Forte	239 †	-1	...	3.9	39.4
207	174	Friendly Hotels	185	+1	5.7	3.9	∞
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	147½	-2½	...	4.3	12.0
217½	162½	Ladbroke	183 †	-4	...	4.1	26.9
109½	83	Mandarin Orntl	85½	+2½	...	3.9	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels R	26½	...	...	4.8	∞
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1120 †	...	...	0.4	...
92	60½	Stakis	89½	...	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46	36	AAF Inds	46	+2	...	23.9	2.8
544	439	AAH	451	+3	...	4.9	15.0
185	140	AIM	174	...	...	5.4	21.3
138	116½	APV	132 †	-1	...	5.1	...
198	157	ASW	198 †	...	...	3.8	...
202	172	Adwest	194 †	...	...	4.7	20.9
20½	16	Aerospace Eng	16	...	...	5.9	77.9
312	255	Airsprung	255	...	...	2.3	16.3
225	192	Alexdra W	225 †	...	...	3.6	3.1	∞
12	6½	Allied Radio	6½ #	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	312	...	...	2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	69	...	...	1.8	12.4
745	705	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
81	73	Anagen	76	...	...	...	...
95	68	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
1785	998	Antofagasta	1353 †	+28	...	1.6	∞
82	48	Armour	53 †	...	...	3.9	12.3
175	168	Ash & Lacy	175 †	+3	...	4.6	21.2
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
625	474	Avon Rubber	601	...	...	3.4	21.2
300	265	Assoc Nursg▲	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
553	480	Atlas Equip	533 †	...	22.0	5.2	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	90 †	...	1.5	2.1	∞
236	192	BBA	217 †	-2	...	4.3	...
145	115	BLP Group▲	145 †	...	1.0	0.9	∞
44	24½	BM Gp	41	+½	...	...	...
745	627	BOC	694	+8	...	4.2	22.3
86½	62	BSG	80½	+½	3.2	5.0	∞
578	531	BSS Group	540	+2	...	4.0	30.1
400	344	BTR	396 †	-2	...	3.9	20.6
176	148	BWI	159 †	...	...	5.3	20.1
49½	29½	Babcock	37½	+½	...	4.1	22.4
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	228	Baird (Wm)	243	...	8.9	4.7	∞
487½	366½	Barlow	475	+6½	...	6.9	8.7
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	79 †	+2	...	2.6	21.6
25½	19½	Bearing Power	24	-½	...	3.9	15.2
95	23	Beaufold	28	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	32	...	...	...	...
18½	13	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
393	300	Bespak	315	...	10.2	4.0	9.9
91	66	Bibby (J)	75	...	...	3.4	...
226	200	Billam (J)	212 †	...	...	3.1	13.2
32	26	Bilston Bttrsea▲	27	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	266	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
44	30	Black Arrow	38	...	2.1	6.9	11.9
283	248	Black (Peter)	248 †	...	3.8	2.0	19.4
863	543	Bluebird Toys▲	728 †	+3	...	2.7	7.7
329	262	Bodycote	297	...	5.2	2.2	∞
40	33	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
601	504	Boots	544	-2	...	3.1	21.5
60	43	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
524	430	Bowater	452 †	+1	...	3.3	17.1
1643½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1378½	...	...	...	...
297	257	Boxmore Intl▲	271 ‡	...	...	1.8	17.3
20	15	Braway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
333	288	Brammer	333 †	...	13.0	4.9	∞
31	22	Bridgend Gp	23	...	0.4	...	...
165	120	Bridon	160	...	...	3.2	∞
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	80 †	...	...	3.5	...
7½	4½	Brierley Inv	50½	-½	...	6.7	12.5
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220 †	...	...	4.5	18.6
124	94	Br Bloodstock▲	94	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	451 †	+1	...	3.2	18.8
156½	121½	Br Steel	151½	+½	...	1.2	...
176	120	Br Thornton	129	...	...	4.8	13.4
309	244	Br Vita	309 †	+7	...	3.0	25.9
182½	137½	Brdton Grp	165 †	...	...	1.4	∞
931½	779½	Broken Hill	805½	+8	...	2.3	36.5
125	90	Bromsgrve Ind	110	+1	...	5.0	14.3
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	58	...	...	...	...
186	154	Bullough	169	+1	...	4.5	73.9
16	11½	Business Tech▲	12	...	...	...	...
24	14	CI Group	17	+1	0.5	3.7	...
54	35	Campbell & Arm	39	...	...	...	...
39	29½	Cannon St	33	-1	...	...	∞
488	408	Cantab Pharma	482	...	...	...	...
274	254	Cape	274	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	343	Caradon	364 †	-8	...	3.0	27.3
215½	170	-do- pf	175½	-3	7.2	5.2	...
283	252	Carclo Eng	257	...	...	4.2	19.1
10	6½	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1940½	Carnaud MB	2028½	-53½	...	2.3	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
251	220	Castings	248	...	4.6	2.3	17.5
66	42	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
233	213	Celltech	217	-½	...	...	...
200	170	Chamberlin Hill	200	...	6.5	4.1	12.5
812	716	Charter	742	+23	...	3.7	11.4
360	305	Chemring	320	+5	...	3.5	16.6
60	46	Chieftain Gp▲	50 †	...	...	8.8	10.0
52	38	Chillington	47	...	1.0	2.7	...
246	203	Christies Int	203 †	-1	...	1.2	∞
80	60	Claybithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
150	35	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
485	403	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	242	Community H	274½	+½	...	3.3	15.6
265	221	Concentric	238	...	...	3.1	19.7
310	276	Cook (Wm)	285	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
285	233	Cookson	278½	+2½	...	2.8	30.0
110	81	Copymore▲	105	...	4.0	4.8	∞
167	147	Crowell Plc 'A'	162	...	...	4.4	21.9
157	109	Cosalt	152½	-1½	...	5.2	...
285	243	Creighton N&A	243	-2	7.4	3.8	17.4
44	37	CrestaCare	35 †	...	0.7	2.4	∞
4125	3556½	Dana	3562½	...	...	...	...
388	315	Danka Bs Sys	323	...	...	0.6	30.7
296	246	David Brown	263	-23	8.4	3.1	∞
1021	848	De La Rue	919	...	...	2.6	22.1
52	34½	Dinkie Heel	46	...	...	3.9	11.8
628	537	Diploma	537	-4	...	2.8	21.5
97	74	Dobson Park	74	...	...	6.3	16.8
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	3.9	19.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
16	13	EFG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	∞
442	373	EIS	425	...	12.3	3.7	∞

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25	15	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
53	45	Eleco	47	...	...	...	...
3656¼	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3556¼	+184¼	...	1.4	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	80	...	...	...	...
548	458	Eng China Cl	490 †	+1	...	5.1	28.6
146	125	Environmed	137	...	...	...	...
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3034½	+37½	...	1.3	25.9
86	56	Eurocopy	67	...	...	3.2	19.7
86	60	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
778	669	Fairey Group	728 †	-3	11.8	2.0	∞
145	109	Fenner	138	...	...	...	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	104	-1	...	2.5	15.3
14	7	Ferrum	8½	...	...	...	...
78	58	Fife Indmar	63 †	...	...	5.5	9.3
157	113	Fisons	157 †	+2	...	3.4	...
60	41	Flexwitten	51	...	...	9.2	∞
288	263	Flogas	278	...	...	3.1	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.1	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.3
264	220	Frost Group	240 †	+1	4.9	2.6	∞
87	77	GEI Int	85	...	...	3.6	...
632	510½	GKN	619 ‡	-3	...	4.1	37.2
69	49	GR Hldgs	64 †	...	...	3.5	...
134	91	Garton Eng	123	...	...	4.7	32.4
191	139	Gestetner	154	...	...	2.4	...
66	49	Gleves	60	...	...	...	43.4
725	549	Glaxo	560	+5	...	5.3	13.5
48	35½	Glenchewton	43	...	...	...	...
401	352	Glynwed	375	...	...	4.0	26.9
191	125	Goode Durrant	180	...	...	3.6	...
185	155	Grampian Hd	155 †	...	5.5	4.4	∞
598	519	Granada	561	+1	...	1.9	22.1
487	452	Great Sthrn▲	472 †	...	13.2	3.2	∞
85	72	Green (Ernst)▲	72 †	...	...	12.2	13.2
84½	61	Haden MacLn	70	+1	...	3.6	17.8
114	90	Hadleigh	113	...	1.0	1.1	...
76	62	Halkin Hldgs	62	-1	...	...	48.4
320	243	Hall Eng	243	-10	...	4.9	13.9
256	210	Halma	230	+1	...	1.2	28.8
71	47	Hampson Ind	65	...	1.7	3.3	21.5
302	257	Hanson	275½	+½	...	5.2	25.5
161	134	Harris (Philip)	134	...	...	6.4	8.1
220	186	Harrisn Crsfld	191 †	-1	...	5.9	27.3
179	121	Havelock Euro	176	...	2.0	1.4	∞
48	36	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	376	Hepworth	378 †	-3	...	4.9	19.7
205	154	Hewitt (J)	173 †	...	3.2	2.3	∞
73	52	High-Point	63	+5	0.5	1.0	...
184½	152	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
28	16	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	172	Holders Tech▲	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	57	-2	1.3	2.9	∞
216	176	Hornby▲	189 †	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	95 †	...	...	3.0	15.1
280	234	Howelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
265	209	Hunting	209 †	...	...	6.0	41.4
513	448	Huntleigh Tech	488	...	...	1.2	∞
379	326	IMI	355 †	+3	...	3.5	29.2
138	119	ISA Intl	130 †	...	...	1.6	17.4
165	125	Intercare Gp▲	127	...	...	3.4	12.1
325	284	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	442½	+11½	...	3.4	∞
628	524	Johnson Math	621	+6	...	2.1	24.2
51	37	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
181	149	Johnston	181	+6	2.0	1.4	∞
32	26	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	...	1.0	4.0	∞
190	149½	Kalon	190 †	+½	...	2.8	19.2
280	230	Kelsey Ind	224	...	...	3.6	...
805	730	Kershaw (A)	785	...	...	4.4	39.4
226	213	Kleeneze	213	...	...	0.6	68.9
436	341	Laird	431 †	-1	...	3.1	20.3
170	145	Lilleshall	158 †	...	...	3.6	17.2
229	205	Lincat▲	217	...	...	3.6	15.3
51	30½	Lincoln Hse▲	43	...	...	...	21.9
150	95	Linread	149 †	+1	...	3.3	33.7
383	313	Linton Park	373	-2	...	3.2	∞
14	9½	Lionheart	9½	...	...	4.0	21.1
20½	16½	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
173	101	Lon Intl	102	...	6.2	7.7	...
175½	129	Lonrho	142	-1½	...	3.5	70.0
431	364	Low & Bonar	428 †	...	...	2.9	19.7
49	42	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
87	55	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6
70	45	MY Holdings	57 †	-3	...	3.3	13.7
271	223	Macfarlane	232 †	...	...	2.1	21.1
539	448	McKechnie	504	-1	...	3.7	23.9
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
163	129	Mang Bronze	147 †	...	...	3.0	16.6
26	19½	Marling	19½	-½	...	5.4	...
231	182	Mayborn▲	195 †	...	...	3.7	13.6
64	53	Mayflower	58 †	...	...	2.9	∞
187	132	Medeva	142 †	-1	2.7	2.4	∞
120	96½	Meggitt	108 †	...	...	4.5	∞
132	116	Metalr	121	...	...	4.2	17.8
128	103	Metrotect	112	...	...	3.6	15.6
128	99	Metsec▲	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
124	95	Midsteel	104	...	...	0.9	14.5
585	548	Molins	585 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
408	360	Morgan Cble	369 †	...	...	4.3	18.8
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	213	...	5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	41	...	1.0	3.0	55.0
80	63	Nesor-BNA	70 †	...	...	5.6	15.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	287	...	5.3	2.5	26.4
212½	156	Norcros	160	-3	...	5.5	23.4
35	31	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
64	48	OMI Ind	56	+½	...	3.9	...
175	160	PCT▲	172	...	7.2	5.4	∞
88	66	Pacer Systems▲	88 †	...	...	5.0	31.8
43	31	Pascoe's	37	+2	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	93	...	...	4.3	43.0
310	220	Photo-Me	225	...	4.7	2.6	13.5
208	177	Pilkington	207	+1	...	1.6	...
110	88	Planalbrook	88 †	...	3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Polypipe	160	-2	...	1.7	20.5
25	16	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
341	225	Powerscreen	242	+8	...	3.5	12.6
23½	17½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	3.7	10.2
77	56	RPS Group▲	64 †	+3	2.4	4.7	∞
108	82	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
174	143	Ramco Oil▲	167	...	1.0	0.7	55.9
447½	377	Rank Org	429	-8	...	3.6	23.3
26	13	Ransomes	20	...	...	...	...
723	595	Reckitt Colm	669 †	+5	...	3.3	16.7
95	70	Record	80	...	...	5.6	18.1
5½	3½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
291	245	Relyon	250	+1	...	2.6	45.6
308	268	Renishaw	280	...	...	2.9	35.2
153	126	Renold	146	+1	...	1.5	...
539½	439½	Reuters	528 †	+2	...	1.5	29.5
88	74	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	163	Ricardo Group	165 †	...	...	4.5	18.4
73	68	Richard (Leics)	68	...	3.7	6.5	...
104½	82½	Richardson West	94 ‡	...	...	4.3	18.6
170	130	Rotmer	170	...	...	2.9	16.7
164	126	-do- 'A'	162	...	8.2	6.6	∞
24	15	Ross Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	∞
195	170	Rotork	179 †	+1	...	3.0	∞
190	144	Robicon	144	-1	...	3.7	18.2
76	62	Russell (A)	76 †	...	...	2.9	27.0
38½	34½	SEP Indl	36	...	...	2.8	16.7
1362½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1362½	+31½	...	...	...
272	230½	Scapa	247	+2	...	2.9	18.4
210	180	Scholl	185 †	+1	...	4.3	15.0
291	242	Scotia	280	-1	...	...	...
1291	1146	Securicor	1203	...	...	0.3	35.5
1096	843	-do- 'A'	862	+9	...	0.4	25.5
892	733	Security Serv	742	...	...	1.0	28.3
150½	89½	Senior Eng	139½ ‡	+2	...	3.1	22.2
335	312	Seton Health	313	...	...	2.4	18.5
180	138	Shiloh	165	-11	3.5	2.7	∞
358	300	Skillaw	358	+3	...	3.3	17.7
630	559	Siebe	620	...	...	2.1	21.9
378	280	Silentnight	303	+4	...	3.3	16.4
168	137	Sime Darby	165 †	+4	...	2.9	18.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	126 †	+2	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	220	...	...	4.0	17.8
60	35	Six Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	148½	...	...	4.2	16.0
403	357½	Smithkline	375	...	...	3.7	14.5
407	322	Smithkline Un	342	+3	...	4.0	13.2
527½	454	Smiths Ind	503	+3	...	3.0	20.0
104	75	Slim Bes	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex▲	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
720	420	Spear (JW)	720	+40	...	3.4	12.1
435	337	Spirax-Sarco	436 †	+5	...	2.8	21.2
81½	50½	Spring Ram	60½	+1	...	1.0	∞
257	201	Staveley	213	...	...	3.0	12.0
342	197	Sterling Ind	226	...	...	3.3	34.6
220	180	Suter	195 †	...	...	3.9	17.3

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
601	440½	Swire Pack 'A'	489½	-½	...	2.0	∞
56	48	Sykes-Pick	51	...	2.6	6.7	∞
178	168	Syltone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	411 †	...	...	3.4	23.6
44	31	TLS Range▲	35 †	...	0.5	1.8	∞
390	330	TT Group	388 †	...	...	2.5	∞
292	230	Talatt	259 †	-1	2.0	1.0	22.6
852½	656	Takeda Chem	784½	-2½	...	0.8	14.9
101	92	Tinsley (E)▲	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
220	217	Tilbury	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	234	Tomkins	256	+2	...	3.2	18.9
124	93	Trafalgar H	106	...	...	3.8	...
105	68	Transfer Tech	81 †	...	3.3	5.1	∞
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	6.5	16.2
318	222	UniChem	228 †	+1	6.5	3.9	∞
440	365	Unidare	370	...	...	3.8	30.1
54	34	Undergroup	39	-1	...	...	...
1267	1006	Unilever	1081 †	-10	25.0	3.9	∞
8118½	7006½	Unilever (NV)	7569½	-34½	...	2.7	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	15	-½	...	...	...
1093	868	VSEL	998	+3	...	3.8	10.8
31½	14½	Verson	19½	...	...	...	...
202½	172	Vickers	199 †	...	...	1.9	24.9
327	264	Victaulic	312 †	+3	...	3.2	17.2
522	451	Vinten	514	...	...	1.9	16.6
805	661	Vosper Thorny	784	+5	...	2.6	18.2
65	37	WSP Hldgs	62 †	-1	...	3.6	45.7
525	451	Wagon Ind	523	...	...	4.2	23.1
5	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	19.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	...	3.3	4.0	∞
304	254	Wassall	299 †	+4	...	1.4	25.8
59	44	Watford Wdgwd	58	...	...	...	...
365	303	Weir	344 †	-1	...	2.4	∞
704	498	Wellcome	515 †	+5	...	5.1	13.9
40	22	Wellman	40	...	0.9	2.8	65.3
400	319	West Hithcare	333	...	...	1.4	21.4
548	455	Whatman	521 †	...	...	2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	222	-2	...	4.6	10.5
170	93	Whitecroft	118	...	...	...	...
13½	10½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
191	120	Wilkes (James)	180	...	...	1.0	∞
421	365	Williams Hldg	379 †	...	...	4.3	20.4
53	39½	Wilshaw	46	...	...	1.5	39.0
975	830	Wolseley	894	-2	...	2.0	21.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	55	...	...	2.1	...
96	70	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	962½	Alex & Alex	962½	...	...	6.9	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1693½	...	...	4.6	...
86	55	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
165	127	Bradstock	127	-1	...	5.4	14.3
550	430	Britannic	435 †	+1	15.7	2.9	∞
117	99	CLM Insur	99½	...	...	...	...
711	552	Com Union	553 †	-9	...	5.6	20.6
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
64	42	EAI	44	-1	...	1.1	...
194	153	Fenchurch Grp	153	-10½	...	5.9	13.7
757	574½	Gen Accident	576 †	-20	...	6.0	11.6
247	175	GRE	170 †	-2	...	5.3	2.4
457	371	Heath C E	379	-2	...	5.3	...
257	122	Hogg Gp	254	-1	5.6	2.8	∞
325	257	Independent Ins	257 †	-9	8.2	4.0	∞
203	174	JIB Group	192 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
547	452	Legal & Gen	465 †	-5	...	5.4	16.3
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1259½	+15½	...	2.5	20.0
119	99	LIMIT	100	...	...	...	...
471	382	Lloyds Abbey	382 †	-19	...	5.9	12.3
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	279 †	...	7.1	3.2	17.3
443	362	Londn & Man	362 †	-8	...	5.4	17.7
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	427	...	14.0	4.1	15.3
5787½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5600	...	...	3.2	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	173	-2	...	4.0	17.3
131	112	Oriel	123	...	...	5.2	∞
83	71	PWS	71	-3	...	7.0	13.2
385	302	Prudential	313 †	-6	...	5.3	14.9
404	321	Refuge	323 †	-2½	...	4.4	23.8
350	253	Royal	262 †	+2	...	3.6	11.0
222	176	Sedgwick	198	...	...	3.8	22.3
155	105	Steel Burrill	144 †	...	...	7.8	∞
87	64	Sturge Hldgs	64	...	...	5.9	54.3
418	314	Sun Alliance	335 †	+1	...	5.5	15.3
96	75	Trade Indemnty	75 †	...	...	0.8	16.7
464	350	Transatlantic	383 ‡	-1	...	3.9	35.0
673	510	Utd Friendly	535 †	+20	16.5	3.9	∞
245	207	Willis Corroon	235	-1	...	3.5	20.8
28	21½	Windsor	24	-1	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1782	Alliance	1838 †	+4	...	3.2	...
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	439	+2	...	2.0	...
161	146½	BZW Conv	152	-½	7.8	6.4	...
219	190	Bankers	194 †	-1½	...	2.4	...
381	335	Baring Tribne	342	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	236 †	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	98½	Br Assets	103	-½	...	5.2	...
98	90	Br Empire Sec	93½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
234	200	Br Inv	205	-1	4.6	2.8	...
272	236	Brunner	237	...	...	2.8	...
221	199	Contl Asset	206	+2	...	1.8	...
162	147	Derby Inc	162	+1	...	12.2	...
325	278	-do- Cap	318	+8	...	...	...
100	90	Drayton Blue	98	...	8.4	10.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
156	128	-do- Far East	147	+1	...	0.6	...
177	137	-do- Korea	150	+3	0.5	0.4	...
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	704	...	...	4.6	...
108	85	-do- Japan	101	+½	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	67	...	...	...	...
827	759	-do- Wwde	790	+3	...	1.5	...
341	301	Dundee & Lon	314	+1	...	3.6	...
360	303	Edinburgh	314	+1½	...	3.5	...
384	299	Electra Inv	311	...	...	2.8	...
220	193	Electric Gen	199	...	3.1	2.0	...
127	116	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	310	European Asset	310 †	-1	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	297	Fleming Amer	300	-1	...	0.6	...
145	90	Fleming Chinese	91	...	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
267	220	-do- Claver	224½	...	...	3.1	...
385	334	Do Contl	362	+3	2.7	0.9	...
264	223	-do- Entp	229	...	...	2.6	...
450	327	-do- F East	360½	+1½	1.1	0.4	...
422	385	-do- Fledg	396	...	...	0.9	...
120	102	-do- Fil Inc	105	...	...	5.2	...
279	223	-do- Japan	270	...	...	0.2	...
347	284	-do- Merc	308 †	+1½	6.7	2.7	∞
347½	285	-do- O'seas	302	+1	4.2	1.7	...
155½	134	Foreign & Col	141 ‡	-½	...	1.6	...
148	109½	-do- Eng Mkts	114	+2	0.2	0.3	...
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	68½	...	...	1.1	...
261	230½	-do- Eurotst	261	+4	...	0.6	...
145	121	-do- German	131	+1	0.5	0.5	...
374	316	-do- Pacific	347 †	+1	2.2	0.8	∞
192	174	-do- Smaller	183	...	1.8	1.3	...
301	247	GT Japan	283	+2	...	0.6	...
200	175	Genl Cons Cap	192	+1	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.8	...
191	168	Govett Am Smlr	168	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	111	...	...	...	...
112	91	Govett High Inc	93	...	...	7.0	...
420	350	-do- Oriental	385	+2	0.9	0.3	...
346	279	-do- Stategy	285	...	...	3.0	...
475	423	Greenfriar	465	...	...	1.8	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	94	Herald	102	...	...	...	...
158	132½	Inv Cap	136	+1	...	4.8	...
119	102	I&S UK Smlr	108	...	2.8	3.2	...
243	205	Kleinwort Chrt	217	...	...	3.0	...
272½	238	-do- O'seas	247 †	+1	...	1.7	...
165	138	-do- Smlr	149 †	...	...	2.9	...
826	714	Law Debenture	741 †	+2	...	3.2	...
217	204	Majedie	205	-1	...	3.1	...
324	268	Merchants	268 †	-1	...	5.1	...
89	84½	Mercury Euro Pv	84½	-½	...	...	...
45	34½	Do Warrants	34½	...	...	...	...
125	103	-do- World Mng	103½	...	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	37	...	...	...	...
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2412½	...	...	...	...
596	519	Monks Inv Tst	538	...	...	1.6	...
158	142	Morg Gren Inc	145	+1	...	3.9	...
64	46	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
94	87	Do Latin Amer	94	+1	...	...	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
50	39	Do Warrants	49½	+1	...	...	...
148	128	Murray Ent	135	+1	...	1.9	...
1280	1245	-do- Pf 1994	1250	...	...	...	...
58	38	-do- Warrants	38	...	...	...	...
68	58½	Murray Euro	62 †	...	...	0.2	0.6
25½	16	Do Wts	17½	+½	...	...	...
393	348	Murray Income	358	...	...	11.3	3.0
395	339	-do- Intl	357 †	-1	...	4.1	...
548	437	-do- Small	461	-1	...	1.2	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.5	...
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	150	+1	...	...	...
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3375	...	...	3.0	...
180	153	-do- S/C DP	155	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	345 †	+15	...	4.0	...
95	78	Nwthrog Inc	80 †	-1	6.7	10.5	...
404	350	O'seas Inv Tst	371½	-½	...	1.1	...
241	193	Do Warrants	201	+1	...	...	...
645½	433	Pacific Assets	498	+2	...	0.3	...
542	335	Do Warrants	403	-1	...	...	...
9400	8675	Personal Assets	9000 †	...	190	2.6	...
189	170	RIT Cap Ptnr	178	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	114	River & Merc	120	...	...	9.6	...
449	425	Robeco	449	...	...	3.8	...
463	430	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
343	290	St Andrews Inv	331 †	...	...	2.9	...
183	162	Scot American	167	...	...	3.5	...
368	254	Scot Asian	276	...	...	...	...
1070	753	do Warrants	756	...	...	...	...
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	86½	-½	...	2.3	...
262½	221	Scottish	231	-1	...	2.2	...
264½	217	-do- Mtge	230½	+½	4.1	2.3	∞
137½	116½	-do- Value	125	-½	...	1.8	...
1795	1585	Second Allnce	1624	+4	...	3.0	...
106	92	Secs Tst of Scot	93½	-½	3.2	4.4	...
179	164	Selective Asset	164	...	...	1.1	...
51½	43½	Sphere Inv	48½	...	...	8.8	...
205	140	TR Far East	171	...	...	3.8	...
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	153 †	...	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	97½	...	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	39½	+½	0.9	2.8	...
152	127	TR Tech Inv	136	+1	1.7	1.6	...
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	208	...	...	2.4	...
412	349	Temple Bar	356	+1	...	4.9	...
135	105	Thrmtn Asian E	120	+1	0.5	0.6	∞
101	79	Throgmorton	80½	-½	...	3.6	...
553	468	Throg Dual Cp	500	+10	...	...	...
269	245	USDL Invest	249	...	...	3.3	...
129	114	Value Inc Tst	117	...	4.0	4.3	...
257½	226	Witan	229	-1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	423	Airtours	424	-24	...	2.7	14.5
49½	29½	Ald Leis	36	...	...	14.4	8.5
177	163	Alpha Airpts	174	+1	...	2.9	∞
668	428	Anglia TV	645	...	...	1.8	29.9
131	85	Baldwin	122	+3	...	3.6	16.0
333	267	Burr & W 'A'	305	...	...	4.1	13.4
1425	1155	Boosey Hwks	1425 †	...	25.0	2.2	∞
205	133	Border TV▲	160	+10	3.6	2.8	13.0
6½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
7½	4	Buckingham Int	4	-1½	...	...	...
74	44	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	415	-11	...	1.7	36.6
1047	520	Carlton Comm	907	+4	...	2.6	20.7
307	248	Castle Comm▲	285 †	...	...	3.9	18.0
163	114	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
374	305	Compass Gp	308	-2	...	2.8	17.1
285	232	Eurocamp	271	-2	9.7	4.5	11.2
457½	346	Euro Disney	376½	-4½	...	3.1	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
419	308	Fairline Boats	370	...	...	1.5	34.8
380	281	First Leisure	329	+2	...	2.5	22.3
478	335	Flextech▲	335	-5	0.5	0.2	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	1010	...	...	1.1	36.6
303	228	Grampian	259	+1	6.5	3.1	17.9
22	15	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
161	106	HTV Group	134	+2	1.0	0.9	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	91	+2	...	3.8	41.3
18½	11½	Kunick	15½	...	...	...	...
752	605	LWT Hldgs	743	+6	...	0.8	34.6
702	539	Man Utd	694 †	+4	...	3.6	28.0
51	34	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
130	81	Owners Abrd	122	+5	...	3.6	...
91	70	The Pelican Gp	91	...	1.1	1.5	21.3
183	173	Prism Leisure▲	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	34	...	...	...	...
258	205	Ramsdens (H)	258	+11	...	2.2	37.2
628	395	Scott Radio▲	563	+3	...	2.1	25.1
574	438	Scot TV	442 †	+3	12.4	3.5	∞
40½	29½	SelecTV▲	32½	+1	...	...	...
118	65	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	317	...	...	2.1	25.7
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131 †	...	3.5	3.3	20.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing▲	2	...	...	...	19.6
99	75	Tottenhm Hot	90	...	...	2.8	34.4
182	85	Trans World▲	170	+3	1.3	1.0	62.0
760	518	Ulster TV	616 †	+2	15.0	3.0	∞
149	112	Vardon	140 †	+2	1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	316	+2	...	1.3	...
126	110	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3350	+65½	...	1.9	28.2
2281¼	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2256¼	+18½	...	4.1	11.6
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	5390½	+112½	...	4.2	24.2
36	29	Anglo Pac Res▲	33½	...	...	...	...
404	298	Balyrehlt	340	+18	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	124½	+6½	...	...	...
37	28½	Bracken	29½	...	...	3.1	5.2
898	580½	Buffels	622	-½	...	10.4	5.5
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
930½	787½	CRA	792½	-4½	...	2.6	25.3
55	36	Cluff Res	46½	-½	...	...	∞
85	28½	Coal Inv	71 †	+2	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1587½	+18½	...	3.5	16.8
148	86	Deelkraal	102½	+3½	...	1.9	7.5
74	30½	Doornfontein	43	+3½	...	...	...
914	665½	Driefontein	750½	-½	...	4.4	12.4
776½	549½	Durban	713½	+32½	...	...	...
170	107	E Rand Gold	131½	+6½	...	15.1	∞
122½	71	E Rand Prop	78½	+4	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	335½	-½	...	5.9	∞
1239	741½	FS Cons	870½	+41	...	8.6	∞
57	27	FS Dev	36	...	...	...	...
1800	1193½	GFSA	1387½	+25	...	2.0	23.3
152½	108½	Gencor	132½	-3½	...	5.0	14.8
80½	59½	GM Kalgoorli	61½	...	...	2.3	25.1
18½	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	132½	+6½	...	7.5	8.4
416	319½	Harmony	328½	...	...	...	...
430	271½	Hartles	321½	+9½	...	8.8	8.0
21½	14	Inneo▲	15	...	...	...	12.4
1028½	831½	Impala Plat	928½	...	...	3.0	30.4
16½	9½	Kenmare Res▲	13½	-½	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	1057½	+25	...	5.9	11.7
898½	576½	Kloof	684½	+16½	...	3.6	8.1
137	69½	Leslie	91½	+3½	...	12.3	4.9
333	179½	Loraine	192½	...	...	...	...
1125	887½	Lydenburg	956½	...	...	2.2	...
155½	118	MIM	134	-½	...	1.7	54.2
1556	1227	Minorco	1278 †	+20	...	3.0	15.3
201½	150	Nth Bkn Hill	160½	+1½	...	3.1	24.7
899	790	RTZ	840 †	...	...	3.1	23.9
268½	187½	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.0	10.1
801½	554	Randfontein	671½	+24½	...	6.1	6.7
295	215	Renison	222	+2	...	2.0	23.0
1346½	1100	Rustnbrg	1178½	...	...	2.7	26.9
756	540½	St Helena	580½	+24½	...	7.3	12.2
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2031½	+50	...	4.6	22.1
111½	73	Stilfontein	111½	+3½	...	18.5	20.8
160	90	Unisel	104½	+3½	...	4.2	10.0
7600	5065½	Vaal Reefs	5721½	+146½	...	4.7	8.9
624½	508½	Western Areas	560½	+9½	...	4.7	3.9
3362½	2268½	Western Deep	2421½	+56½	...	4.5	8.0
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	329½	+8½	...	1.6	...
1225	612½	Winkels	706½	+50	...	6.6	6.8
66	50	Zambia Copper	55	+2	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
278	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	...	...	...
115	110	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	134	Appleyard	148 †	+4	5.5	4.6	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	365 †	...	...	3.4	∞
235	180	Bostrom	235 †	...	8.0	3.2	∞
584	390	Br Aerospace	483 †	...	...	2.1	42.4
57	45	Bundene	55	...	...	4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
22	13½	Caverdale	16½	...	0.1	1.1	∞
130	108	Central Mtr▲	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
43	32½	Cook (DC)▲	39	...	0.9	2.9	22.1
348	281	Cowie (T)	331	...	...	3.0	18.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	168 ‡	...	...	4.7	∞
157	121	Davnpt Vern	121	...	...	4.3	12.0
332	275	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	135	European Mtr	162	...	...	2.9	22.8
552	408	Evans Halshaw	526½	...	...	3.1	21.8
310	235	FR Group	310	+2	...	3.1	∞
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3843½	...	...	...	...
4387½	3650	General Mtr	3762½	...	...	1.4	...
90	60	Gowrings	73 †	...	2.0	3.4	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	298 ‡	...	...	3.1	20.5
1165½	918½	Honda Motor	1100½	+7½	...	0.8	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	∞
116	80	Jessups	103	...	4.5	5.5	...
184	156½	Kwik-Fit	173½	+7	...	2.7	19.9
573	445	Lex Service	542 †	+1	...	2.9	∞
276	162	Lookers	245 †	...	...	1.3	23.9
239	189	Lucas	209 †	-3	...	4.2	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	27	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	300 †	...	...	3.0	21.3
238	175	Perry Gp	222	...	7.0	4.0	∞
218	156	Quicks Group	188 †	+3	...	3.3	∞
204	161	Rolls-Royce	203 †	+4	...	3.1	35.8
256	203	T & N	246	-1	...	5.5	28.1
311	263	Trinity Hldgs	311	+3	6.2	2.5	∞
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	205 †	...	...	2.6	24.1
338	253	Westland	334	...	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	305	+18	5.7	2.3	31.2
335	335	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
402	308	Blenheim Gp	351	...	10.2	3.7	∞
413	365	Bristol	401	...	...	3.7	36.2
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1468½	...	...	1.3	34.4
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1209½	...	...	1.5	28.3
296	260	Dorling Kind	292 †	...	...	1.4	26.4
6712½	5043½	Elsevier	5934½	+37½	...	2.1	...
470	404	EMAP	404	-1	...	2.5	24.9
1665	1450	Euromoney Pb	1665	...	...	2.9	29.3
194	154	Harrington K	157	...	4.9	4.0	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	382 †	-4	5.0	1.6	∞
180	120	Home Counts	145 †	...	4.5	3.9	∞
208	161	Ind Bus Comm	201 †	...	...	1.2	1.2
15	10½	Int Cm & Data▲	11½	...	...	...	...
510	410	Independent	500 †	...	...	2.8	17.2
669	551	Johnstone Press	663 †	...	7.0	1.3	∞
110	63	MAID	69	-1	...	...	...
431	338	Metal Bulletn	431	+2	...	2.9	28.0
176	162	Midland Ind	176	+5	...	2.0	24.1
205	166	Mirror Gp.	174	+1	...	...	12.7
514½	429½	News Corp	447½	+7	...	0.3	...
314	264	News Intl	220 †	...	...	0.6	16.6
735	605	Pearson	648 †	+1	...	2.5	25.0
760	670	Portsmth Sund	748	+1	...	1.6	20.6
964	818	Reed Int	837 †	+12	...	2.8	25.3
249	187	Southnews	230	-1	2.3	1.2	44.2
200	160	Sterling Pubs	181 †	...	...	2.1	22.1
617	487	Telegraph	609 †	-1	...	2.7	19.9
885	785	Thomson Corp	805	+12	30.1	4.5	41.7
472	436	Trinity Intl	443 †	...	...	2.7	21.0
43	21	Unit Group▲	41	...	...	...	...
731	623	Utd Nwspapers	631 †	...	...	4.4	17.3

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Aran Energy	29½	...	...	...	58.7
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	51	+1	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	-½	...	...	...
67	50	Aviva Pet	54	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6	...	...	...	58.6
246	200	Br Borneo	245 †	...	...	3.6	12.7
358	280	British Gas	280	-15	...	6.7	...
406½	340	Br Petroleum	391 ‡	-8	...	2.7	32.7
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	811	Burmah Castrl	838 †	+1	...	4.1	17.4
69	56	Cairn Energy	69	...	...	...	9.9
375	315	Calor Gp	329	-2	...	4.8	16.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	41	+1	...	...	...
30	19½	Copley Res	20½	-1½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	23½	...	...	...	25.4
496	398	Enterprise	424 †	-21	...	4.7	26.3
80	28	Exp Co Louis	78	+4	...	...	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	4.9	10.1
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
74	34	Goal Pet	74 †	+1	...	2.4	19.5
41	31	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
177	149½	Hardy O & G	164	...	...	0.8	15.3
55	40	Kelt Energy	47	...	...	...	...
169	110½	LASMO	157 †	-5½	...	1.0	...
73	53	-do- Units	59 ‡	...	9.4	20.0	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9½	2	Mid Scot Res▲	3½	...	...	...	...
69½	53	Monument	69½	...	...	...	...
7½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petrue	34½	-1½	...	...	...
163	153	Plat Pet	162	-1	...	...	...
42½	21½	Premier	30½	-½	...	...	...
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
438	325	Ranger	435	...	...	1.7	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7365½	-40½	...	4.2	3.1
4064½	3481½	Schlumberger	3681½	-18½	...	2.2	...
58	54	Seafield	56	...	...	...	...
749	651	Shell	729 †	-7	...	4.1	22.1
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sv	130	...	...	...	...
19	14½	Villers Grp	15	...	...	...	...
228½	178½	Woodside	204½	-½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	162	AG Holdings	162	...	...	4.1	14.7
444	385	API	386	...	...	2.7	24.2
308	237	Arjo Wiggins	308 †	+4	...	2.0	51.7
730	540	Abbott Mead	633 †	...	10.3	2.1	∞
29½	17½	Aegis Gp	26½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comm▲	171 †	...	4.9	1.6	∞
26	18	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
472	414	Bemrose	437 †	...	11.7	3.4	∞
19½	8½	Birkdale	10½	...	...	...	...
186	145	Bunzl	181 †	+1	...	2.6	22.7
430	352	CIA Gp	387 †	...	5.1	1.7	∞
170	129	Capital Inds	146 †	-1	...	...	∞
93	76	Cen of Lon▲	83	+7	...	5.5	15.1
439	304	Cropper (James)	399	...	3.2	1.0	38.5
114	83	Delyn Group	108	...	1.6	1.4	14.5
132	104	Dolphin Pack	130 †	...	4.5	4.3	...
83	76	Dudley Jenkins▲	78	...	...	5.0	17.0
19½	12½	Elswick	15½	...	...	2.5	13.1
101	76	Fairway Group▲	94	...	...	4.5	19.2
430	300	Ferguson Intl	396	+1	...	3.9	19.2
145	135	Ferry Pick	144 †	-1	...	4.9	...
227	188	Filofax	214	...	...	0.6	27.6
17½	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	140	Gibbon Lyons	141	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
225	171	Gold Greenlees	177	...	8.4	6.0	16.0
34	27	Goodhead	31	+1	...	0.2	...
31	15	Huntleigh	35½	+2½	...	...	...
162	130	Interreurope	147 †	...	...	6.6	13.1
280	273	Jarvis Porter	280	...	...	2.2	26.1
39½	22	Lopex	26 †	...	...	1.2	21.4
30½	21½	MMI	29½	...	...	...	...
431	357	More O'Ferrall	371 †	-2	13.2	4.4	∞
146	117	NMC Group	117	-1	2.7	2.9	18.1
300	230	Osborne & Little	294	+6	...	2.2	12.1
69	32	Ospreys Commun	56	...	...	...	...
658	511	Portals	634	...	...	3.2	18.2
1	2	Premier Hhn	2½	...	...	...	...
319	296	Quarto	311 †	...	6.0	2.4	∞
412	332	St Ives Gp	381 †	...	...	1.9	26.7
158	127	Saatchi	130	...	...	...	25.6
663½	464½	Sappi	601½	+1½	...	4.9	12.6
30½	18	Serif	25	...	...	...	...
57	37½	Shandwick	50 †	...	...	...	7.4
571	498	Smith David	560	-4	...	2.2	18.2
361	296	Smurfit Jeffi	324	...	...	1.6	17.8
119	103	Somic	107	-2	2.5	2.9	43.9
254	210	Slat-Plus	234 †	...	8.8	4.7	∞
33	25½	Taylor Nelson	30½	...	11.4	1.9	∞
166	125	VTR▲	160	+31	...	1.2	24.9
129	89	WPP	124	-1	...	1.1	17.9
304	182	Ware	286 †	...	...	1.9	23.0
300	244	Waddington (J)	251	...	...	4.0	18.9
511	409	Watmough	456	-1	...	1.8	29.0
5	3	Westpont▲	3½	...	...	...	...
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	35	+4	...	...	...
108	98	Wyndeham	108	...	...	1.7	23.1

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	113 †	...	...	4.0	15.2
48	37	Arcadian	41	...	...	...	...
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
144	100	Asda	120	...	2.2	2.3	∞
191	145	Avonside	147 †	-1	...	3.0	∞
2575	2328½	BCE▲	2365½	+12½	...	...	...
765	580	Bilton	580 †	...	...	4.1	21.5
108	72	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	241	+2	5.0	3.1	24.4
22½	12½	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
484	391	Br Land	409	+4	...	3.2	37.3
276	208	Brixton	218	-6	...	4.7	19.6
118	90½	Burford	100	...	...	1.8	32.3
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	179 †	...	...	1.0	∞
380	230	Cardiff Prop	315	...	...	1.0	70.5
185	152	Chelsfield	166	+1	...	1.8	∞
678	584	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
84	36	City Site Ests	81	...	...	...	...
34	22	Clarke Nicholls	25	...	...	...	52.2
350	285	Compco	350	+65	12.0	4.8	70.6
56	38	Conrad Rblst GS	43	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1600	...	...	2.1	19.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	15	...	...	...	...
156	123	Debenham Twsn	127	...	...	3.2	24.1
17	10	De Morgan	12	...	...	...	...
189	167	Dencora	169	...	3.3	2.5	∞
723	588	Derwent Hldgs	603 †	...	...	2.0	25.9
41	30½	Development Sec	30½	...	...	...	...
65	53	Dwyer	58	...	...	...	...
460	370	Estates Agency	440 †	...	...	3.0	51.2
47	18	Estates Gen	32½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	109	+3	...	2.7	19.3
43½	34½	Ex-Lands	35½	+½	...	1.2	...
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½	...	...	0.8	...
78	66	Fletcher King	72	...	1.0	1.7	47.7
536	440	Frogmore	474 †	...	...	4.3	20.9
325	228	Grainger	293	...	...	2.2	52.3
280	198	Gr Portland	217	+3	...	4.6	20.8
23½	16½	Greycoat	18	+½	...	...	...
269	177½	HK Land	191½	+1½	...	4.5	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	0.7	1.4	∞
435	347	Hammerson	384 †	+3	...	3.2	44.6
378	298	Helical Bar	364 †	+1	5.8	2.0	∞
40½	33½	Hemingway	35½	...	...	1.4	...
78	54	Herring Baker	54	...	1.5	3.5	∞
315	138	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
792	621	Land Sec	670	+2	23.1	4.3	31.0
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	98	...	4.0	5.1	15.2
16	9	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
562	441½	MEPC	483	+5	...	5.2	27.8
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	174	...	...	3.5	2.5	21.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	72	...	...	...	...
35	35	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.4	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1271½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	162	Mucklow (A&J)	164	+1	...	4.8	23.4
59	38	OEM	38	...	...	...	...
64	43	Olives Prop	44 †	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	140	PSIT	158	+1	4.3	3.5	31.3
399	325	Peel	335	...	4.3	1.6	...
12½	6	Power Corp	6	...	...	...	...
50	30	Property Trust	44	...	...	...	12.5
54	40	Raglan	46½	...	...	...	...
40	30	Regalian	33	...	...	...	...
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	30.6
134	115	Rugby Est	134	...	...	2.1	...
64	48	St Modwen Prp	51	...	...	2.5	21.4
78	59	Savile Grdn (I)	66	...	...	5.1	25.8
100	80	Savills	92	...	...	2.4	30.4
108	85	Scot Met	99	...	...	2.0	...
135	115	Shaftesbury	120	...	...	...	...
17½	11½	Shield	17	...	...	...	8.9
307	242	Slough Estates	254 ‡	-5	...	4.0	41.7
103	69	Southend Prop	69	...	...	4.3	...
50	25	Stanhope Prps▲	36	+1	...	...	...
39	35	TBI	36	...	...	...	...
244	221	Tops Ests	221	...	2.1	1.2	78.8
163	132	Town Centre	138	...	...	3.2	24.5
107	91	Trafford Park	100 †	...	...	3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	35	...	...	...	...
10½	8½	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	243	Warner	269	-2	...	5.1	23.9
255	218	Warnford	255	...	7.5	3.7	18.7
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
104	76	Wates	77½	+½	...	1.4	...
105	82	Wood John Da	93	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
231	300	Headlam	219 †	...	...	1.3	∞
405	315	Lambert	315 †	...	13.7	5.5	∞
75	53	Pittards	72 †	-2	...	1.7	...
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	...	5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	236	...	...	2.2	∞
67	57	UK Safety	63 †	...	...	5.2	13.2

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Text	566	+6	...	2.9	19.6
71	56	Beckman (A)	58 †	...	...	7.7	12.4
47	26	Bolton Gp	42	-1	...	...	...
226	153	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	26.6
68	38	Chartwell▲	48	...	...	...	...
385	330	Claremont Ga	356 †	-1	7.1	3.8	∞
593	451	Courtauld Text	550 †	+1	...	3.2	19.4
35	11	Cupid▲	18½	+½	...	...	...
166	124	Dawson	165	...	...	5.8	12.6
36	31	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
80	72	Faupel▲	72	...	4.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	153	...	...	3.5	...
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	234	+7	...	2.5	16.4
73	58	Jerome (S)	66	+1	...	1.0	33.3
485	395	Lamont	443	...	12.5	3.6	∞
340	310	Leeds	310	-3	...	2.3	16.3
101	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	...	4.4	...
212	125	Magellan	172 †	-2	1.4	1.0	...
386	193	Parkland	346	-2	...	0.9	...
112	96½	Readicut	97	...	...	4.4	18.3
70	51	SEET	58	-3	...	...	...
146	124½	Sirdar	125 †	...	...	5.3	8.8
64	54	Stirling Gp	57	-1	1.9	4.2	15.8
46	35	Stoddard	36	...	...	7.2	33.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315	...	...	4.6	26.7
49	34	West Trust	41	+1	...	8.2	...
280	239	Yorklyde	268	...	8.0	2.8	∞

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	435½	BAT	462 †	+1	...	5.4	12.9
489	386	Rothmans	411	+3	...	3.8	12.0

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	270½	Assoc Br Ports	279 ‡	+1½	...	2.1	26.6
1063	965	BAA	981	-3	...	2.1	24.4
128	111	Badgerline	123	...	...	4.2	...
496½	399	Br Airways	428	+8	...	3.2	18.0
108	80	Clarkson (H)	80	-1	1.7	2.8	∞
665	448	Eurotunnel Uts	506	+10	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	58	...	...	...	...
310	253	IoM Steam	302 †	...	...	3.6	11.5
58	39	Jacobs (JI)	57 †	-1	3.3	7.2	∞
111	94	Lon O'seas Frts	94	...	...	1.4	17.2
534	443	Mersey Docks	447 †	-1	...	2.5	22.5
322	285	Natl Express	302 †	+4	...	3.1	∞
281	224	NFC	233 †	+1	...	3.8	35.8
348	263	Ocean Group	299 †	...	...	6.2	14.6
91	71	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
743	612½	P & O Dfd	711 †	-4	...	5.4	∞
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	163	...	...	4.2	...
705	631	Powell Duffryn	670	+1	...	4.2	21.5
122	88	Seacon▲	102	+6	...	2.8	23.2
206	138	Stagecoach	193	-2	...	2.5	21.5
121	85½	TNT	100	+2	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britten	878 †	...	14.2	2.0	∞
79	32	Tiphook	32	-1	...	...	...
327	239	TDG	241 †	+1	...	4.9	16.2
132	98	Ugland	124	...	...	...	...
160	151	Utd Carriers	151	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	479	Anglian Water	479	-9	...	5.6	8.5
365	340	Mid Kent Hldgs	343	...	...	3.9	12.7
731	582	Northumbrian	582	-9	...	5.0	6.8
611	487	North West	497	-11	...	5.5	8.3
595	504	Severn Trent	504	-9	...	5.4	7.4
682	500	Sthrn Water	519	-14	...	5.3	7.6
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1550	...	48.5	3.9	11.0
675	505	South West	508	-9	...	6.0	8.2
611	479	Thames Water	480	-3	...	5.6	8.4
744	608	Welsh Water	616	-7	...	4.9	8.2
799½	597	Wessex Water	597	-14	...	4.8	9.5
690	484	Yorkshire W	497	-11	...	5.5	8.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102¹³⁄₁₆	100⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 1994	100⁹⁄₁₆	-⅛	9.94	5.17
104⁹⁄₁₆	102¹⁵⁄₁₆	Exch 12¼% 1994	102⅞	...	12.21	4.99
103¹³⁄₁₆	102⅜	Treas 9% 1994	102¼ †	...	8.83	5.18
107⅞	104⅞	Treas 12% 1995	104⅞	...	11.44	5.24
98	97⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅛ †	...	3.07	4.87
107¹⁵⁄₁₆	105⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	105⅛	...	9.73	5.78
113⅜	109⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅝	...	11.62	6.05
117⅞	112⅞	Treas 14% 1996	112⅞	...	12.43	6.23
121⅝	116⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	116⅝	-⅛	13.11	6.48
117⅝	112⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	112⅝	+⅛	11.75	6.50
112⅞	107⅜	Conv 10% 1996	107⅜ †	-⅛	9.33	6.90
121⅝	115⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	115⅛	-⅛	11.51	7.06
114⅞	108⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	108⅝	-⅛	9.68	7.12
110⅞	104⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	104⅞	-⅛	8.39	7.27
131⅞	122⅞	Exch 15% 1997	122⅞	-⅛	12.19	7.43
114⅝	106⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	106⅝	-⅛	9.10	7.52
106⅝	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	99⅜	+⅛	7.29	7.44
102	96⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅛ †	-⅛	6.87	7.37
131⅛	121⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	121⅛ †	-⅛	11.52	7.73
140⅛	127⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	129	-⅛	12.02	7.64
125⅝	114⅛	Exch 12% 1998	115⅝ †	-⅛	10.35	7.79
116⅛	105⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	107⅛	+⅛	8.88	7.70

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅞	92⅞	Treas 6% 1999	93⅞ †	-⅛	6.42	7.54
128⅞	116⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	117⅞	-⅛	10.42	7.87
121⅞	109⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	111⅛ †	-⅛	9.46	7.82
121⅞	109⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	110⅞ †	-⅛	9.28	7.89
116⅞	105⅛	Conv 9% 2000	105⅞	-⅛	8.53	7.81
136⅞	123⅛	Treas 13% 2000	123⅞	-⅛	10.49	8.04
108⅞	95⅛	Treas 7% 2001	95⅞ †	-⅛	7.34	7.83
122⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	110⅞	-⅛	9.08	8.03
123⅞	109⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	109⅞	-⅛	8.87	8.00
113⅞	100⅛	Treas 8% 2003	100⅛	-⅛	7.99	7.97
127⅞	112⅛	Treas 10% 2003	112⅞	-⅛	8.90	8.08
129⅞	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116⅞	-⅛	9.84	8.25
86⅞	74⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅞	-⅛	4.68	6.99
105⅛	92⅛	Treas 6¾% 2004	92⅛ †	-⅛	7.33	7.86
125⅞	110⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	110⅞	-⅛	8.61	8.02
125⅛	110⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	110⅞	-⅛	8.59	8.02
147⅞	126⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅞ †	-⅛	9.85	8.37
111⅛	99⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅞	-⅛	8.01	8.09
112⅞	98⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	98⅞	-⅛	7.88	7.95
136⅞	120⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅞	-⅛	9.73	8.36
119⅞	104⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	104⅞	-⅛	8.15	7.97
151⅞	133⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133⅞	-⅛	10.08	8.38
124⅞	108⅛	Treas 9% 2008	108⅛	-⅛	8.29	7.99

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅞	99⅞	Treas 8% 2009	100⅞	-⅛	7.96	7.99
126⅞	109⅛	Conv 9% 2011	109⅞	-⅛	8.21	7.95
127⅛	109⅞	Treas 9% 2012	109⅞	-⅛	8.19	7.94
93⅞	77⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79⅛	-⅛	6.92	7.70
114⅞	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	98⅞	-⅛	7.83	7.91
117⅞	100⅞	Treas 8% 2013	100⅞	-⅛	7.95	7.91
159⅛	137⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	137⅞	-1⅛	8.71	8.11
126⅞	108⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	108⅞	-⅛	8.03	7.00

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅞	43⅛	War Ln 3½%	44⅞ †	-⅛	7.87	...
37⅛	29⅛	Treas 2½%	31⅛	+⅛	8.03	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	136⅞	Treas IL 2% 1994	138	...	...	...
203⅛	198⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅛	-⅛	2.18	3.29
113⅛	107⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	-⅛	2.58	3.31
176⅛	167⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167⅛	-⅛	2.89	3.29
173⅛	164⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅛ †	-⅛	2.90	3.31
118⅛	111⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111⅛	-⅛	3.01	3.32
186⅞	172⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	173⅛	-⅛	3.07	3.32
168⅛	155⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157⅛ †	-⅛	3.20	3.42
175⅛	161⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162⅞	-⅛	3.25	3.44
146⅛	133⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134⅛	-⅛	3.30	3.48
157⅛	142⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	143⅛	-⅛	3.35	3.52
152⅛	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137⅛	-⅛	3.41	3.55
129⅛	114⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	114⅞	-⅛	3.41	3.54
128⅞	114⅞	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114⅛	-⅛	3.43	3.56

INFOTECH

If you don't answer I may come round . . .

Electronic phone books could mean that revealing your private telephone number will be as good as giving your address to every Tom, Dick and Harry, says **Nigel Burke**

How would you feel if everyone who presently knows your home telephone number was suddenly able to have access to your home address? People should be asking that question now, as high street information technology begins to make it easier to perform reverse-searching — that is to find out a person's home address by trawling electronic phone books for a known telephone number.

At present, BT asserts sole ownership of the data in its telephone directories. Its policy is to withhold any product or service that would allow businesses or individuals to discover and collate private addresses from available phone numbers. That policy is costing BT money as many businesses with deep pockets have an interest in matching addresses to telephone numbers.

Pizza Hut, for example, has approached BT for that facility, so that it can make sure that addresses given when pizza orders are placed by phone are genuine, rather than a hoax, before they dispatch the order. BT did not oblige.

In fact, BT software engineers took special pains to make Phonedisc, their CD-rom version of the United Kingdom phone book resistant to any attempts to use it for reverse-searching. But it is ridiculously expensive at £800.

The American database company Pro CD may be the first to succeed in breaking BT's copyright of its own phone books. Their aim is to offer a single CD-rom containing the whole British telephone directory at a price under £100 — a very desirable business tool.

In America and Canada, for instance, it has been ruled that phone numbers are facts, not prose, and are not subject to copyright. In Britain, Oftel now generally favours the withdrawal of BT's monopoly, so as to give Mercury and other telecommunications companies the ability to compile useful telephone directories of their own.

> "Companies and strangers will be able to find your private address"

BT expresses concern that Pro CD's product may not protect against reverse-searching.

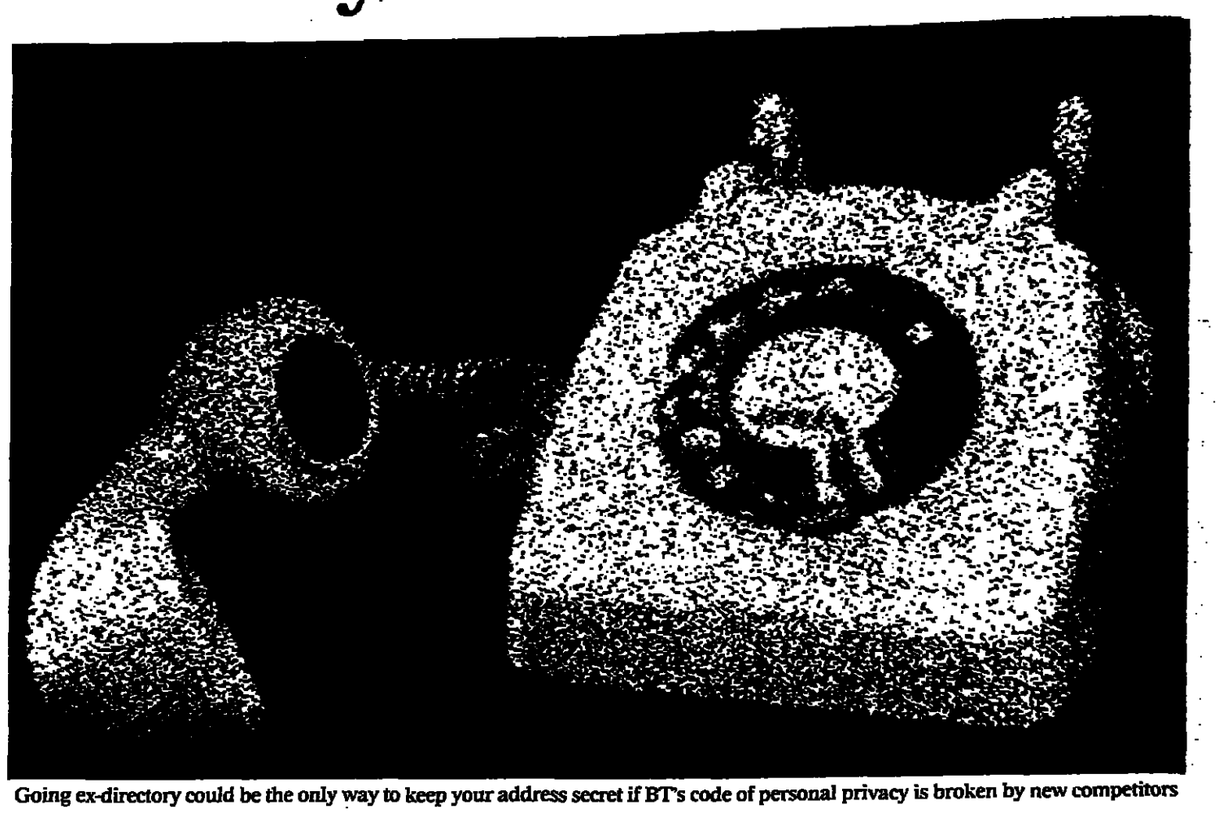
Even if Pro CD manages to break the telephone directory copyright, they break it for everyone, not just for themselves. A rash of electronic phonebooks that are poorly protected or overtly unprotected against various forms of trawling could be published. The Data Protection Registrar knows of no existing legal restraints on any such databases. In America, those promoting business interests and those fighting to maintain personal privacy are locked in a state-by-state war over information products such as reverse searching.

There are already so many junk mailing companies who have lists of private addresses, and who trade personal information and buying preferences, that at first glance it may not be too alarming to consider that someone can find out your address from your telephone number. But with a cheap reverse-search facility, more and more companies, strangers or people to whom you have no wish to speak will be able to find your private address.

Your separated husband, with whom you are uneasily negotiating, may decide that he wants to know your new address as well as your new telephone number.

The conservatory salesman may decide to call instead of ring back. Your difficult legal or medical clients may want to know where you live, as well as knowing the phone number you have given them for the direst emergencies.

Another double-edged innovation is BT's plan to launch a controversial caller identification facility later this year. It gives a subscriber the ability to see the telephone number of the person who is calling them, and is being presented as a way of deterring heavy breathers and other malicious calls. But on many occasions we use a telephone call to check out the correctness or honesty of a business company or a person, and a caller may not wish that the person they are telephoning should know their telephone number until they decide to offer it.



Going ex-directory could be the only way to keep your address secret if BT's code of personal privacy is broken by new competitors

It will be futile to lobby for new laws or regulations on the use of telephone number databases. Within the next two years the mid-range business PC is likely to come with a page scanner and optical character recognition (OCR) software.

This will provide all the equipment needed to scan BT's printed telephone directories and create a local or even national database without the risk of breaking any law. A normal PC will find the 15 megabytes of raw text in a phonebook hard to swallow if more than one city is to be covered, but the repetitious nature of the text makes it very compressible. A workmanlike OCR outfit for the job would cost only about £700.

Last year BT announced that a quarter of its subscribers have asked to be listed as ex-directory. This 25 per cent could be accused of snobbery, of using telephone privacy as a status symbol. But phone books may become a lot thinner in the future as people realise that they will have to lock their telephones as well as their windows to keep out strangers.

Asian TV venture

JAPAN Satellite Systems plans to launch a 50-channel satellite television broadcasting service for Asia by 1996. The new system will use digital data compression technology, making it about one-sixth of the cost to broadcast than the company's current analogue-based equipment. Reception of the broadcast will require special receiving equipment costing between £322 and £460. Basic monthly charges are expected to be about £23.

Faster access

COMPUSERVE, the electronic information service for PC users, has increased access speeds for its 45,000 British subcribers by half. The new access of 14,400 bits per second is available for those dialling into London and will be extended to Munich and Paris this year. The cost for using the higher-speed service is about £6.40 per hour.

Fateful numbers

Portable telephones may be a common sight in China's southern boom town of Shenzhen, but only one man answers when you dial 908888 and he paid £50,000 for the privilege.

Some 70 bidders turned up in Shenzhen last week for an auction of 30 desirable portable telephone numbers that pulled in £150,000.

The number 908888 is considered particularly auspicious as the first two digits, when spoken in the southern Cantonese dialect, sound like the current Year of the Dog while the number eight is a homonym for the verb "to enrich".

Pirate packages

Six out of ten of the business software packages being used in Europe are pirated copies, the Business Software Alliance claims.



The alliance, funded by many of the largest American software firms, says the resulting loss is more than £3 billion per year. The amount of pirated software in Britain is put at 49 per cent but in Ireland, the alliance claims, it is 83 per cent.

Poor security

Nearly four out of five PCs used in companies are inadequately protected against unauthorised access, as are a quarter of companies' mainframe computers and 35 per cent of mini-computers, according to a report from KMPG Peat Marwick, the consultants.

"The deterioration in password security and the continued lack of planning for loss of systems is alarming," says KPMG's Brian Kearvell White.

Notebook deal

Citizen Watch is to supply Digital Equipment with small notebook computers for sale under Digital's brand name throughout the world. Citizen, a Japanese watchmaker, will begin delivering the products by the end of the year. In March, Compaq suspended a 1989 contract under which Citizen supplied subnotebook computers for sale under the Compaq brand name.

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Computer television

CNN plans to transmit on office PCs

Cable News Network (CNN), the American television news channel that is available by satellite in much of the world, could soon be appearing on personal computers in the office.

Next month several test sites in America will start receiving programmes from CNN and Headline News and send them to business PCs in their buildings over local area networks.

Sending television pictures over such networks was, until recently, considered impractical as it would block or slow down the more important transmission of regular data.

Now with advances in digital compression it is argued that television pictures can be sent over a modern local area network and yet take up only 5 per cent of the space.

CNN is, therefore, hoping to generate a broad audience in business and government, and cites research that predicts that more than 29 million PCs using the 486 or Pentium chip will be linked to local area networks by the end of next year.

CNN has formed an alliance with the chip giant Intel to test the technology which will present PC users with the news broadcasts in a small window on their screens. The technology could also allow companies to make video announcements or distribute training materials. Users will be able to record TV programmes on hard discs and watch them later.

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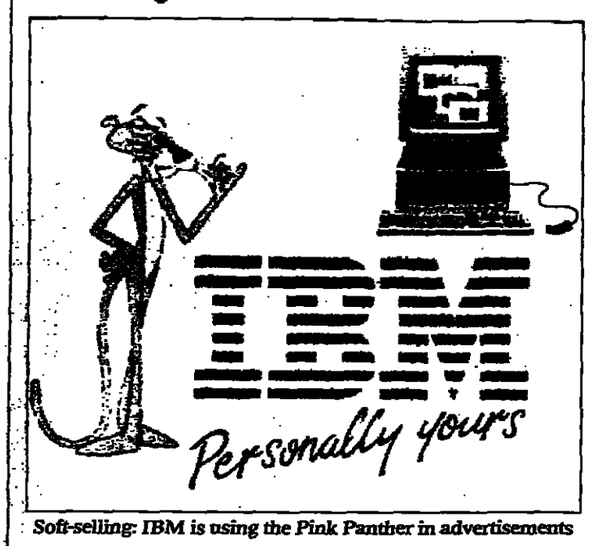
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Why Microsoft and Apple are fighting for a place in your living room



Soft-selling: IBM is using the Pink Panther in advertisements

Computer manufacturers hope that their products may soon be as common in the home as a hi-fi

It was the American critic John Mason Brown who said television was just chewing gum for the eyes. Now Microsoft is spending £1.4 million on a television advertising campaign to try to spread a new technological gospel.

The software firm hopes that the 40-second advertisements, which are running until the end of next month, are succeeding in taking the company's name out of the computer room and into the minds of a broader audience.

"We want to illustrate that the days of computer usage being considered a mystical, black art are gone forever," says Janet Kilpatrick, Microsoft communications manager responsible for the company's image in Britain.

What is driving Microsoft and other large computer companies such as Apple, Compaq, IBM and Intel to use television advertising more than ever before is their hope that the computer can be sold into the home. Success is likely to be tightly linked to the strength of their brands.

With the growth of the home market for business computers already underway, manufacturers believe that the computer will increasingly be competing with higher-priced consumer electronics items, like hi-fi, for consumers' money.

"Different people are buying the technology these days," says Neil Stewart, of Neil Stewart Associates, a planning company which specialises in advertising technology. "A lot of PC application software and peripheral manufacturers have recognised they must sell direct to end users who need to feel comfortable with whom they are dealing."

Technology products used to be unique, now their strength lies in being similar and compatible. To stand out from the crowd some companies believe that the persuasive power of television is the best way to promote the image of an approachable, warm and cuddly organisation you can trust.

In the computer industry where some practitioners, and a few cowboys, have promised much and delivered little, television does communicate reassurance. IBM, for example, has used the familiar Pink Panther in both print and television advertisements because, it argues, there are four fundamental misconceptions of the company: that it only sells to big companies, it's old-fashioned, faceless and expensive.

Intel Corporation, the company whose microprocessors power the heart of 80 per cent of the world's personal computers, recently mounted a multi-million pound, peak time TV advertising campaign which ran across Europe and Scandinavia.

By encouraging manufacturers to use the "Intel Inside" logo on their machines, the series aimed to establish awareness and value for the logo among PC buyers and users.

It may well have paid off. In the US, where there is a league table of brand-values, Financial World magazine recently reported that Intel, worth $17,800 million (£11,866 million), had come in third behind the traditional big players Marlboro, valued at $39,500 million and Coca-Cola, $33,400 million.

"Intel took what was really a highly technical issue, but put it in terms that are understandable," says Chuck Pettis, principal of Floathe Johnson Associates, a technology advertising agency in the US.

However, TV advertising is not just being used to build up brand awareness, it is also there to back up product launches and is quite often the element in a company's overall advertising mix which can tip the scales in its favour. TV allows you to show the product in action.

"But at the end of the day, computers and software are about people," says Ms Kilpatrick. "How they feel about the technology and their personal circumstances."

This year is bound to tempt more computer companies into the brand wars with big budget advertising productions and a willingness for international glory. You will be voting with your wallet.

CLIVE COULDWELL

Farewell to the bank manager

Next time you want a loan, you might be asking a machine, says Paul Penrose

Barclays' young chief executive, Martin Taylor, caused a stir earlier this month with his off-the-cuff comments on the imminent replacement of friendly bank managers by soulless microchips.

The old-fashioned bank manager schooled in traditions of personal service and customer care has had his day, Mr Taylor intimated. In his place will come an array of computers, programmed to pass judgment on a range of personal financial matters, from the opening of a current account to the extension of an overdraft facility.

"Certainly all the banks are experimenting with fully automated branches," says Mike Trippitt, a banking analyst with S G Warburg, the stockbroking firm. "You can walk into a branch, go up to an automated teller machine (ATM) and have the start of a conversation with a machine in terms of being credit-scored for a loan, applying for general insurance or a mortgage application."

Nationwide Building Society opened an experimental, fully-automated branch in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire last September. The branch is open from 6am to 11pm seven days a week, and two Nationwide staff are on hand to guide techno-shocked customers round the machines during office hours.

The branch, equipped with the latest touch-screen banking terminals from Siemens Nixdorf, supplements the usual cash-dispensing kit with automated cheque dispensers, cheque and cash-deposit machines and passbook printers.

A video wall at one end displays a colourful pattern of moving imagines, designed to try to prevent the branch looking sterile and deserted out of office hours.

Customers' response to the prototype has been mixed. "There are those who use it as their regular branch, and others who say they have no intention of setting foot inside it," says Dr Paul Feldman, head of technology management services at the Nationwide. Dr Feldman rejects suggestions that banks and building societies are alienating customers through the use of technology.

He argues that the unusual nature of the branch actually leads to more interaction between customers and on-site staff. "It increases our ability to talk to customers and to help them when they need help," he says. "But it also matches customer needs when all they want to do is get in and out quickly."

While the Nationwide is the first off the mark with an automated bank branch, it is not alone in pushing forward the boundaries of technology in the retail financial sector.

NatWest and Barclays, for instance, are quietly trying out a new generation of multimedia terminals, combining advertising promotions and information on new products with on-the-spot purchasing power.

Barclays is collaborating with MFI and Camden Motors on a project to place product advertising, credit card charging and loan authorisation software into terminals at retail outlets.

NatWest is in the early stages of investigating the possibility of taking its credit assessment officers out of the branches and into regional centres. Customers applying for a loan at a branch will be able to see and speak to an expert over a videolink installed on a PC.



Technology takes over from humans: Nationwide Building Society's Touchlink self-service branch in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

As machines begin to replace human staff in bank branches, so the branches themselves are beginning to change. More space has been created for the introduction of enquiry points and seated counselling areas.

Unsmiling counter staff and paper shufflers are starting to be supplanted by a new breed of sales people, trained to sell more products and services. Bank managers, who were once paid according to a formula based on the numbers of staff in their charge, are now assessed on performance-related criteria, from increased sales to improvements in productivity through self-service.

Spurred on by increased competition and the need to cut costs, banks and building societies are accelerating their branch closure programmes as new channels for delivering retail financial services such as telephone banking, self-service ATMs, and video inquiry systems begin to take off.

"The way the banks are looking at the branch networks at the moment is to look at different configurations" says Mr Trippitt.

"So you will have the master branch, fully manned with a bank manager and a team offering the full range of services, and then you will have the smaller money shops dotted around that are either minimally staffed or are fully automated."

A taste for revolution

Sensors will soon be able to smell the air — or savour a cup of tea



Computers are at last acquiring the senses that come naturally to humans, including two of the most difficult to computerise: taste and smell.

Electronic "taste buds" and "noses" are being developed that will enable computers to analyse liquids and gases quickly and cheaply for a huge range of uses from monitoring the atmosphere and the oceans for pollution, to battery-powered devices for measuring the purity of the water in taps.

The technology already used to make silicon chips is being adapted to make the new sensors, bringing all the advantages of sub-miniature size, low cost, physical robustness, and built-in intelligence of semiconductors.

A sensor capable of detecting trace amounts of substances in liquids has been developed at CRL, the former EMI Central Research Laboratories at Hayes, Middlesex.

The sensors, known as isfets (ion selective field effect transistors), can replace conventional sensors, which are delicate glass devices. These can cost anything from £30 to £300, depending on their capability, and may need frequent skilled maintenance.

Ian Robins, head of the sensors group at CRL, says: "Our sensors are silicon chips which can be made easily in vast numbers, so they cost about £2 for the whole package, and they are very tough — as strong as a lump of glass stuck on concrete."

Although the sensors are a dramatic advance over the old glass devices, they are, paradoxically, simple and relatively large components compared with the complex semiconductor devices used in computers. Hence they are easy and cheap to make.

The sensors are already in clinical trials for instant blood analysis by computer. This could enable doctors to run tests for blood ion levels which are important indicators of many conditions, including depression, while the patient is in the surgery, rather than face an anxious wait while the sample goes to the laboratory.

The agricultural research station at Silsoe, Bedfordshire, is working on a combine harvester that will be able to measure crop yield automatically as it crosses a field. This will include sensing the amount of fertiliser in the soil using one of the new sensors.

Eventually, Mr Robins says, farmers will carry spades with sensors on the blade and miniature computers in the handle, so that instant measurements of soil quality can be made.

Teapots that tell you just when the tea has reached your ideal strength and is ready to pour are another possibility.

Pollution monitoring will be the most important use, however. "An acid rain indicator can be done conventionally but you need to collect a lot of water. With these sensors you can measure acid rain with just a few drops," Mr Robins says.

Computers will also soon be able to sniff out atmospheric pollution, such as carbon monoxide, directly with "noses" machined out of solid silicon, using the latest micromachining technology, according to researchers at IBM's Zurich research labs.

IBM's silicon nose is a microminiature beam, invisible to the eye, machined out of a silicon wafer by the same processes used to make the electronic components of a silicon chip, but in this case forming a beam about a fiftieth the diameter of a human hair. The beam has a coating of aluminium only a few atoms deep on one side, to form a bimetallic strip which bends when the temperature changes.

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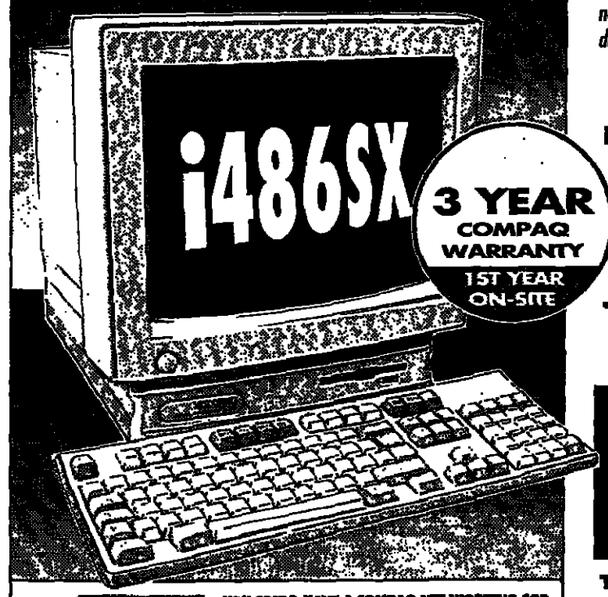
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Home work is a blooming marvel

David Guest on the benefits and drawbacks of working at home by computer link

Among the attractions of a three-bedroomed Cotswolds house to be auctioned in mid-May, according to the estate agent's details, is a "teleworking office". This is a sign of the times. The feature is still enough of a novelty for no abbreviation to have been devised, but that will surely come.

The term "teleworker" embraces anyone who spends some of their working life away from an office, equipped with the technological paraphernalia of office life. Teleworkers are not just people who work from home all the time.

Helene Hook, marketing manager of ICL Enterprises points out that the organisation employs 200 people who are formally identified as teleworkers, but adds that there are probably 2,000 with the mobile equipment that makes teleworking possible. She herself worked on-site for ICL for 12 years and made the move into telework coincide with having a family. She now calls herself a "hot-desker".

The flexibility of teleworking is a strong attraction for employees and employers alike under normal circumstances. But much of the enthusiasm for teleworking, among employers, is the opportunity it represents to cut costs.

BT's information pack for prospective teleworkers breaks down the cost savings made by an average commuter, noting that some savings are offset by extra expenses, and comes up with an overall gain of £900 a year.

But for the employer the benefits can be far greater. BT cites a financial institution's scheme in which 20 managers were converted to teleworking and four secretaries were relocated. The savings per annum, it says, came to £428,000.

Because teleworking in large numbers is a recent development, and because cost-cutting initiatives are swelling the numbers, it is possible that the next few years will reveal a generation of reluctant teleworkers who went along with it to keep their jobs.

BT notes: "While 72 per cent of teleworkers state that they enjoy their situation more than working in central office, 28 per cent do not. This is often because they miss the office social contact. This can easily be avoided by working both at the office and at home."

Andrew James, now a teleworker but previously a software industry executive, publishes *Home-Run*, a newsletter for teleworkers "who can easily feel isolated and outside the normal channels of communication". He distinguishes between two categories of worker: those under the umbrella of a large organisation, and the self-employed. "We aim to help those people who don't have corporate support but certain rules probably apply to both," he says.

He insists that all teleworkers should take themselves seriously as business workers and proposes that they observe proper hours, disciplines and codes of dress.

Especially for the self-employed, but with obvious relevance to people working from home for employers, Mr James says: "Those who are going to make it will make a conscious effort to ring an important contact every day, preferably someone new.

"They will get out to meet someone once a week; and at least once a month they will go to a business network meeting and start their own network if necessary."

Asked whether people begin to worry about career development when the novelty has worn off, Mr James says: "I should think they start worrying about their career path after about a minute and a half. Some people are people junkies and the only way for them is to get back into an office."

"People don't necessarily see the positive things right away," says Ian Christie, marketing manager for the flexible working services division of Digital Equipment. "But they are there: independence, control over your own time, and often the acquisition of new and very marketable skills."

State encouragement for teleworking is also likely to increase as it is seen as a means of revitalising rural communities, and in information technology particularly as a business method to compete with cheaper software developers in the Far East.



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Laughing all the way to the bank

The market is expanding at breakneck speed with increasing choice as systems go digital, **Peter Purton** reports

Cellular mobile phones are rapidly becoming to the 1990s what personal computers were to the 1980s and colour televisions to the 1970s.

A number of factors are driving the market. The freedom of having a phone in your pocket is the main one, of course. But the variety of choices on offer — there are now four operators offering six networks with 15 different tariffs — and the generally falling prices of the phones themselves are also significant.

The effort being expended by the network operators in getting mobile phones accepted as a consumer leisure item is pushing the market along at breakneck speed. Cellnet, for instance, enlisted the services of comedians John Cleese and Ronnie Corbett in its advertising to try to convince us that mobile phones are no longer just for business users. The record levels of new customers signing on seem to suggest that the message is getting across.

The boom in mobile phones is taking place not only in Britain — it is a worldwide phenomenon. In Germany, which was lagging behind many other countries, there are now 2 million mobile phones in use — the same number as in Britain — and monthly sales of phones are larger than in the next three biggest European country markets put together.

In Japan, despite prohibitive pricing, mobile phones are the fastest-growing electronics market and in America mobiles are up there with laptop computers in terms of sales.

"Mobile phones are the world's most exciting business," insists Jan Ahrenbring, marketing manager of Ericsson Mobile Communications, the world's third-largest mobile phonemaker. "We expect the world market to grow at least 40 per cent a year, sometimes 50 per cent. Cellular telephones will become as common as wired phones."

For the first few decades electronics was analogue — its electrical signals mirrored those of the real world. But in the second half of the century it became digital; electronics created in its own language of on-and-off states to describe, process and recreate the real world.

Until now, mobile phones have been based on analogue technology. But thanks to the progress in the processing power that can be crammed on to a silicon chip the size of a finger nail, the laborious real-time handling of speech for use in digital mobile telephony has become possible.

There are a number of advantages to digital technology over analogue. Digital voice signals are clearer than their analogue counterparts. They are less susceptible to spurious interference. But perhaps most important, digital signals are essentially treated in the same way, whether for voice, still or moving image, or data. This opens the way for supporting the multimedia applications of the future.

All of the latest mobile phone networks in Britain are digital.



John Cleese as Joanna Lumley in the Cellnet TV advert using humour to sell mobile phones to the business and domestic market

Hutchison's Orange, which started yesterday, Mercury's One-2-One which operates in the South-east and Vodafone's latest network are all digital. The indications are that this technology is going to see mobile phones through to a far higher level than the 2 million or so people in Britain currently using analogue networks have experienced.

One attaction of digital networks is that they are based on an international standard so theoretically can be used not just on the subscriber's home network but also while travelling abroad. This means, for example, that some British subscribers can take their phones to, say, Germany and still make calls.

Another advantage is that they are more secure than analogue technology against unwanted interception. So much so that a number of governments have voiced concern over the high degree of privacy, saying that it could be exploited by criminal or subversive elements.

But the major strength of such networks is that because they are is based on digital technology they can provide several new capabilities until now unavailable to mobile phone users, such as integrated text messaging or high-speed data communications. In fact, the way digital networks can be made common thoughout Europe and the rest of the world means that they are likely to take over the market for sending mobile data. At 9,600 bits of information a second, digital networks can support a much faster data rate than that of most dedicated data networks.

On top of this, the coverage of digital networks will soon be much greater than that of dedicated mobile data networks and the cost of usage could be much lower. The trump card, however, may be the ability to support both voice and data.

Last year 1 million out of the 3 million mobile phones sold in Europe were digital. Though in Britain only about 100,000 phones are currently digital, more than a million are in use in Germany. The British figure is expected to grow sharply and, by the end of the year, the sale of digital handsets will surpass those of analogue in Europe for the first time.

By creating a global standard the backers of digital networks have managed to replace at least six analogue standards, so greatly enlarging the market for any potential supplier.

At the same time, it seems that they have created a single replacement for all of the many mobile data standards in use. Perhaps the biggest factor which will ensure the continued spread of mobile phones will be the success of digital networks.

Ten steps to your mobile phone

Always read the fine print — and make sure you are well insured

Mobile telephony is no longer outrageously expensive — provided you know exactly what you can afford and what the different tariffs mean.

Britain has been a leader in mobile telephony since the early 1980s, but up to a year or so ago most users were business people and many had their phone, subscription and call charges paid by their employer.

Today, mobile phones are cheaper and new tariffs are opening up mobile telephony to ordinary consumers who can buy from high street electrical retailers as well as specialist dealers.

Buying a phone involves only a one-off payment, but make sure you insure comprehensively against loss or theft. Read the small print of any insurance deal. Some will not pay the full cost of replacing your phone but only the heavily-discounted price you may have paid when you signed up.phone.

Some policies are also very restrictive in what circumstances they allow a claim. Leaving your phone overnight in a car, for example, may not be covered.

The cost of using a mobile phone is a complex equation, not least because of the many options. One rule of thumb: the lower the monthly rental, the higher the call charges and vice versa.

Mobile phone prices are based on when, where and how often you want to use the phone. There are different packages aimed at business users and consumers. Off-peak call charges may start at anything from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday daytime is not usually considered off-peak.

When signing up, you should know who the dealer you buy from is working with. Some will be closely allied to one or other of the network operators. Dealers can offer more or less favourable rates than the recommended network operator prices.

An interesting new arrival pioneering cheaper prices is Peoples Phone, to be found in former Rymans computer stores. Peoples Phone markets own-brand tariff packages and offers what it says is the cheapest emergency call package on the market — a £10-a-month subscription, including VAT, and £3 a month of "free" calls. But any further calls are at the premium rate of £1 a minute.

John Skarratt, research director at the London-based Telecommunications Users Association, welcomes the increased competition in mobile phones but warns there can be important differences buried in lengthy contracts.

"Users can pay between 50 pence a minute and £1.50 a minute for a call to America. They can pay up to £11.75 for not electing to pay by direct debit, and between £30 and £60 to switch tariffs on the analogue networks.

"Messaging (the mobile phone network equivalent of an answering machine) requires payment of a monthly fee on the analogue networks but comes free — apart from normal call charges — on others."

His tips for the potential mobile phone customer include knowing exactly when, where and how much you want to use the phone and having a checklist of points that could be hidden somewhere in the small print.

Ten questions he would ask before signing up are:

- Have you a profile of the typical user for this tariff?
- What is the tariff zone and how much do I pay if I make a call from outside?
- How much do I have to pay to switch tariff and will I have to go on paying monthly rental for the term of the contract if my phone is stolen?
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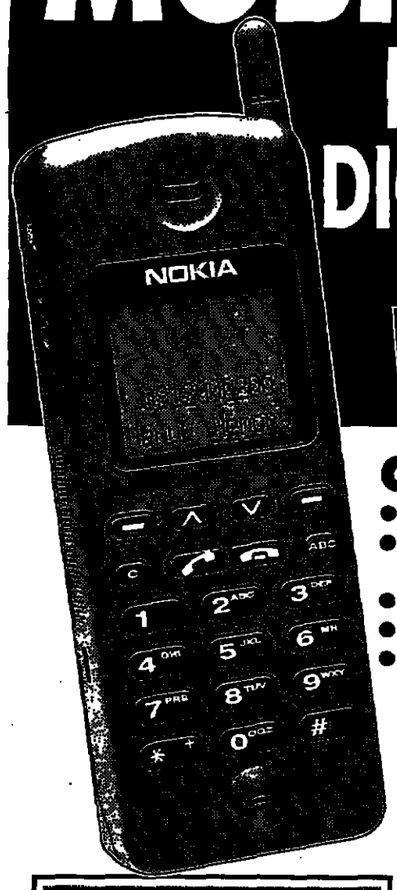
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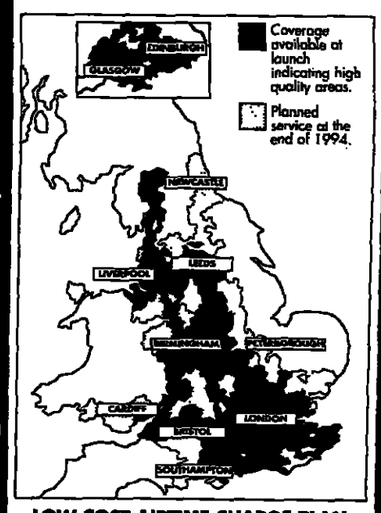
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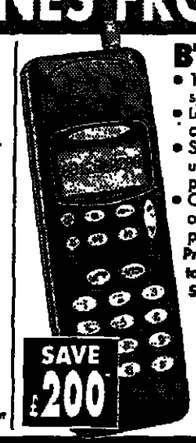
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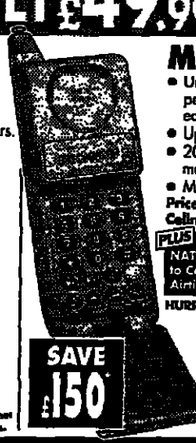
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Matthew May finds that though mobile phone tariffs may be hard to compare, greater competition is giving users what they need

Ringing around for a best buy

A new mobile phone network swung into operation yesterday, offering half the population another alternative if they want to join the 2 million people already able to make calls on the move.

The service area for Orange, as it has been dubbed, is less extensive than the almost universal coverage of Britain offered by the two well-established operators Cellnet and Vodafone. But it is far greater than that of the Mercury One-2-One network launched last year and currently available only within or near the M25.

Hutchison Telecom, which runs Orange and is owned largely by Hong-Kong based Hutchison Whampoa, has started the service by covering many of Britain's major cities and much of the motorway network. It promises that by the end of the year it will be increased to cover 70 per cent of the population and 90 per cent by the end of 1995.

Coverage areas are crucial for any new service not just in terms of where potential subscribers may live but in how much they are willing to put up with being unable to make calls if they travel too far afield. The trade-off for One-2-One's limited area of operation in the South East is cheaper prices than it's national rivals, coupled with clever marketing such as offering free local calls during off-peak times.

And despite the popular image of mobile phones for busy executives constantly driving from one end of the country to the other, there are plenty of trades where users may be out and about a lot but only within a limited area.

One-2-One, for example, has found favour with London taxi drivers and many of the call-out trades such as plumbers, electricians and locksmiths. The total number who have signed up, however, is still modest. Although One-2-One keeps such figures a closely guarded secret, industry estimates of its subscribers range from 50,000 to 80,000, compared with more than a million each for Cellnet and Vodafone.

For those living in Orange's catchment area, the decision whether to sign up for a mobile phone or change from a competitors network comes down, of course, to price. Here Hutchison has managed to add a new level of complexity to what is already a confusing array of tariffs on offer, making it even more difficult to compare them. Monthly subscription charges for the new service are quite high — ranging from £15 to a whopping £100 — but they do include a varying number of "free" calls.

> "Despite the image of executives driving big distances, there are trades with users in local areas"

Sign up for the Talk 15 option at £15 a month, for example, and you will not be charged any extra for the first 15 minutes of calls each month although this works out at only 30 seconds a day. Any further calls are 25p a minute at peak time and 12½p off-peak. This option, says Orange, is aimed at "those who make a small number of peak-time calls or expect to receive more calls than they make".

At the other extreme is the Talk 540 option, at £100 a month, which gives nine hours a month free, about 18 minutes a day. Further calls are 14p a minute peak and 7p a minute off-peak. Off-peak charges start at 7pm weekdays and all over the weekend. All prices quoted exclude VAT. There are three further tariffs: Talk 60, Talk 200 and Talk 360, which give the corresponding amount of free calls in minutes each month.

Two phones are available for Orange, at £250 and £300, which until this week would have matched the prices for One-2-One phones. But in a surge of competitiveness One-2-One has just cut the price of their two existing phones by £50 and introduced two new and smaller versions at £300 and £330.

In fact those happy with the more limited coverage area of One-2-One are unlikely to find Orange any cheaper. The appeal could be for those living in the other parts of the country Orange covers or Londoners needing wider coverage. Hutchison's expansion plans are far faster than those of One-2-One, which will not cover 90 per cent of the population until the end of the decade. But for anyone thinking of signing up for Orange it will still pay to examine the variety of tariffs available from Cellnet and Vodafone, which in some circumstances could work out cheaper and get you national coverage today.

There is also a significant number of people who have little idea how many minutes of mobile calls they may want to make each month, "free" or not, and who may well prefer to run up the charges as they make calls.

Like One-2-One, Orange is a digital network allowing it to offer some intriguing new options. As well as the usual answering service to pick up messages when your mobile phone is switched off or out of range, you can add call-diversion to another number or call-waiting which lets you put a caller on hold and talk to someone else who is trying to contact you.

There is even a form of caller identification, which shows you the caller's number before you answer, though this is currently restricted to calls between two Orange phones. Another option lets subscribers pick up part of the cost of people phoning them with the result that callers to an Orange phone are charged the same rate as a local call to a conventional phone.

Two Orange callers can exchange text messages, if they are using the Nokia version of the Orange phone which can also respond to two different numbers.

Hutchison suggests this can be useful to separate bills for business and private calls though might equally be used to separate everyday calls from emergency ones.

When a subscriber does not want to be interrupted the number for regular calls could be switched off but those who have been given the other number for emergency use only would still be able to get through. The second number is available at a reduced subscription.

Tougher competition will certainly benefit customers but also means that newcomers like Orange will have to keep their eye firmly on the ball. A frank study of the mobile phone market by CTSS, the advertising agency, argues that the industry needs to understand the very real barriers to purchase that customers face.

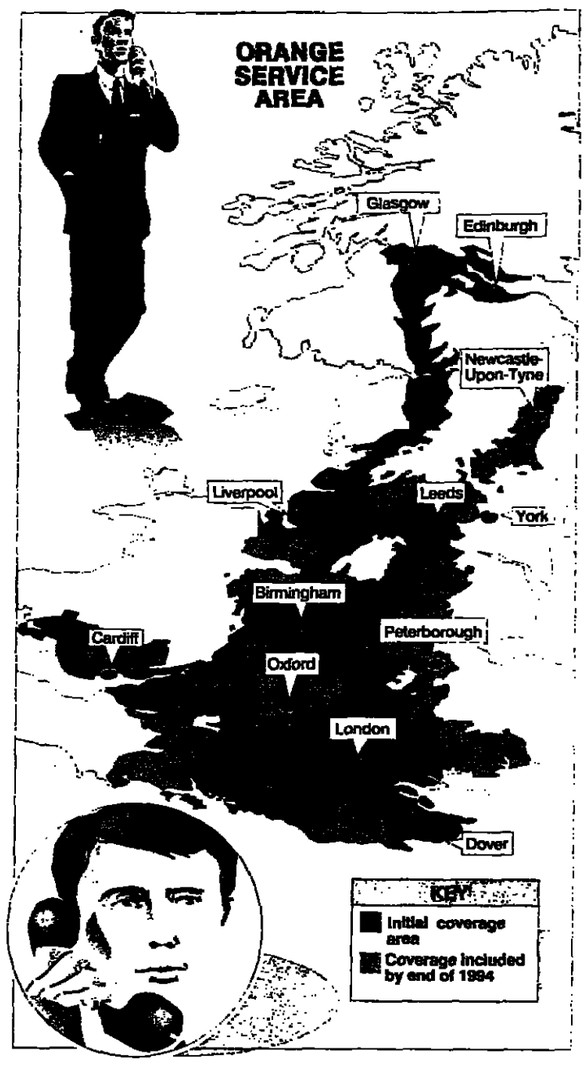
These include, it says, call and monthly subscription costs and not the price of the handsets, the complexity of what is on offer and, regardless of the reality, "the perceived untrustworthiness of dealers and the perceived ignorance of high-street outlets".

Martin Chilcott, managing director of CTSS, says: "Mobile communications is inherently personal. For some a mobile phone is a badge or a status symbol, for others an emergency tool they are terrified to use because of the perceived high costs of calls."

Analysts are slightly wary of Hutchison as it made a huge loss of more than £80 million from the failure of its short-lived Rabbit telepoint network. Technically it worked well — the problem was a disastrous lack of customers, fewer than 10,000 compared to a target of 60,000.

Rabbit customers were unable to receive calls and had to be within 100 yards of a base station when making them. Yet it clearly was not priced cheaply enough to make up for these restrictions.

Orange is a full-blown mobile phone service, though, with only semi-national coverage for the moment. But has Hutchison got the pricing right this time round?



Shape of things to come

Mobile data communications has many demonstrable benefits: a salesman trying to clinch a sale can download the latest product and pricing information; firemen on their way to a fire can receive maps of buildings and details of any dangerous substances present; breakdown services can receive details of car parts.

At present, the benefits of mobile data are confined to the few. Mobile communications are serviced by specialised data networks like RAM Mobile Data, Paknet and Cognito, typically using data handsets to access the information. The mass market has failed to take off, despite the development of the cellular phone networks.

However, many in the mobile industry believe breakthrough point is near, thanks to two factors. One is the emergence of cheaper digital networks that will accommodate data better than the analogue cellular network can. The other is the pairing of a laptop with a mobile phone.

The widest potential for mobile data is via the new digital mobile networks. Because of their cheapness, Mercury's One-2-One and Orange, the service launched by

> Cheaper digital networks can open up mobile communication

Hutchison Telecom yesterday, may have important roles to play. Neither offers a data transmission service yet, but both say they are keenly studying the possibility.

Orange will start a service by the end of the year, says Colin Tucker, director of operations for Hutchison Telecom which will include the option of sending and receiving fax on a PC. "You will soon be able to have a universal communicator, with voice, data fax and messaging all in one unit." It will also be possible to convert electronic notepads into proper wireless communicators.

When data services over digital networks are introduced it will be possible for a company's central database site to send out updated information to individual users, or broadcast it to groups of users — for example updated pricing information. This will be precisely the kind of application that is difficult to afford over analogue cellular, since each message would demand a separate call, to be set up, which would be charged as if it were a telephone conversation.

Though the full data service on Orange is not scheduled until the end of the year, there is already a limited a data messaging service. "We have a 160-character short message service which can be driven either directly from handset to handset — you punch in the message on the keypad — or a person can ring a message service and the message can then be transmitted out to the appropriate handset or group of handsets," Mr Tucker says.

However, there will be no automatic computer message code in the data service: "There is encryption on the voice network, but if you wanted to put it onto the data you would need to do that as part of an application package," he says.

Mercury's One-2-One is also looking at the possibilities of data. The company is in the process of developing its plans, but, it says, unlike some of its competitors it will be looking at the domestic as well as the business market.

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FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM

The Radiocommunications Agency is undertaking a fundamental and wide-ranging review of the use and management of the radio spectrum (the range of frequencies available for UK communications, broadcasting and other radio services) and has produced a publication **'The Future Management of the Radio Spectrum - a Consultative Document'**.

The document seeks views on how to manage the spectrum to maximise the economic benefit derived from it whilst preserving access by the armed forces, the emergency services and the widest range of other users, such as the scientific community and hobbyists. It envisages an extended role for the private sector in planning the spectrum and assigning frequencies, with the Radiocommunications Agency retaining responsibility for a number of core functions that need to be performed by government.

It also proposes changes to the basis of charging for access to the spectrum to clarify the choices facing radio users. At present, the licence fees paid by radio users give little incentive to use spectrum efficiently. The development of a secondary market in spectrum access rights and selective auctions would enable the value of the spectrum to be better reflected in pricing and make it easier for new users to gain access to spectrum.

The consultative document:

- describes present methods of managing the radio spectrum and the steps that have already been taken towards more efficient management;
- outlines what more could be done under existing legislation, including tightening the planning machinery, more extensive consultation and more involvement of the private sector in distributing licences.

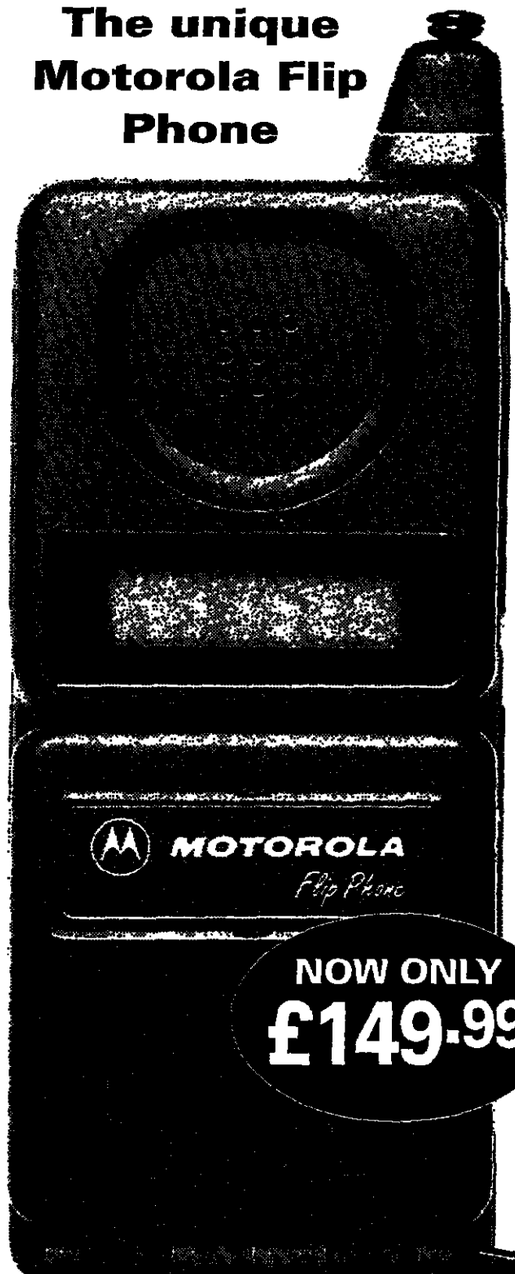
Copies of the consultative document and other Agency publications are available from the Radiocommunications Library at Waterloo Bridge House, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UA. (Telephone 071-215 2352/2140).

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Monica Horten offers a simple guide to the multitude of mobile phones

How to find your way through the lines

The low prices offered in advertisements for mobile phones are attracting thousands of people a month into the dealers' showrooms. But the wide range on display can be confusing to the first-time buyer.

How should you decide between a tiny phone for a top pocket, or a chunky one with multiple memories?

The first consideration is the shape and size. Typically, women are more likely to choose a compact phone that fits in a bag; men prefer long, slim phones that will slip into a jacket pocket and not distort it.

If the phone will regularly be carried in a bag, it needs to have a keypad that locks. Otherwise, something else in the bag could accidentally press one of the keys, with dire consequences.

For example, most phones will redial the last number automatically, when the "send" button is pressed. "I have known people be on the phone for 45 minutes to their office without realising it, because the phone was in a bag," says Charles Dunstone, managing director of the mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse.

A Motorola phone with a flip cover that covers the keypad is an alternative, or the Sony CMR III which has a moveable earpiece that automatically locks the keys when the call is terminated.

If the phone is to be used in a moving car by the driver, then a car kit must be considered. This comprises an aerial that is fixed to the car, which improves reception, and copes with transmission while the car is driving along. There is also a cradle which fits under the dashboard to hold the phone.

Car phones also require a hands-free microphone, so that the driver can talk while driving and keep both hands on the wheel. It is illegal to drive while using a mobile phone.

Some phones have a car adaptor kit. Unlike a full car kit, this draws its power from the cigarette lighter. It saves the phone's own battery, but should be used only while the car is standing still, unless there is also a hands free microphone.

For use outside a car, the battery life of a mobile phone is crucial. There is nothing worse than wanting to make an urgent call and seeing the message "low battery" appear.

A standard battery will maintain conversation lasting for about an hour. Most phones also come with an extended-life battery, which is heavier and bulkier than the standard one.

Some phones come with a desk-top charger, which means one battery can be left to charge while the other is in use. Most cheap phones have a plug-in charger. As a result, the battery can be charged only while plugged in to the phone. In practice, this means you have to remember to charge it overnight.

Features abound on mobile phones. As well as stored phone numbers, there are alarms, security codes, call timers and many others. According to Mr Dunstone, many features are unnecessary and most people do not use them.

"We did a survey of phones that came in for repair, to see how many had numbers programmed in. Forty per cent had none. The majority of the rest had fewer than eight," he said. Stored numbers are not much use unless the name can be stored with them. Not all phones have this ability — usually described as alpha-numeric memory.

A "scratchpad" can be handy — it means you can store a number while talking on the phone — while call-timing can be useful for checking on battery usage and working out the cost of a call. Most mobile phones are reliable. Mr Dunstone says that an average of 0.5 per cent per month are returned for repair.

However, there are exceptions. The latest phones which have just been launched onto the market have a greater tendency to go wrong than designs which are well established because there can be small bugs in the design which have not been detected during pre-launch technical trials.

As a general rule, it is safest to buy a phone that has been on the market for at least six months. Warranty arrangements vary. Motorola, for example, has a service called Express Exchange. All authorised dealers should be able to exchange an existing broken phone for a new one on the spot using special equipment supplied by the manufacturer. The service applies to digital and analogue phones. Sony, on the other hand, will arrange for a new phone to be sent by courier, and pick up the old one.

Many other manufacturers rely on dealers which are appointed as service centres for the phone. Some will repair in 24 hours, but others take far longer.

Price is the factor of which every buyer should be aware. Mobile phones are advertised at £100 or less but such cheap deals may carry hidden extras in the service contract, and may not prove to be be such a bargain as they first appeared. Alternatively, they may be an old and unattractive phone.

The average price for a basic portable phone for general use is between £100 and £200. In this category are the Nokia 101, Ericsson EH97, Pioneer 730, NEC P100.

Anyone who intends to make really heavy use of a mobile should consider more expensive portables such as the NEC P4, or the Motorola MicroTac II, which cost around £300. Digital GSM phones are even more expensive, costing between £400 to 500.

Prices may be reduced for people signing up for the higher tariffs. Such customers would represent a greater source of ongoing income to dealers.

PETER TREVNOR



Charles Dunstone, managing director of Carphone Warehouse — many features are unnecessary, he says

Switching lanes to a digital highway

When PC will mean mobile phone, the personal communicator

If the digital phone prophets are correct, by the turn of the century, one in ten of the British population will have a mobile handset, and most will use it as a personal communicator, at home, in the office and on the road.

The land lines of BT, which have served us for the best part of a century, they say, will turn into the pipes of the new digital highway bringing TV, video-conferencing and a host of new information services.

In their place, as our personal phone "lines", will be portable handsets fed by new digital networks.

Within the space of a few years, the various digital services should be comparable in size with each other and the existing analogue networks. What will then set them apart are factors such as cost, additional features, and the ability to use the services abroad.

Roaming agreements are deals with other operators abroad, which should let digital phone owners take their handsets with them on travel trips.

All digital phones rely on removable "smart cards" which contain the caller's identity and billing information. Any digital phone containing your smartcard is, effectively, your phone, with your number and making charges to your account, whether it is Tunbridge or Tokyo. Hiring or borrowing a handset abroad may sometimes make more sense than taking your own.

The question of using mobile phones abroad is a highly complex one. Network operators take the view that your callers may be unaware that you are on the other side of the world when they ring your number.

So callers only pay the domestic part of the call and the international element goes on your bill. It can be expensive however. Take the example of a British user who flies to Sydney, registers on the local network, then switches off his phone and goes to sleep.

Since the phone is switched off, any call made from Britain at this time will be re-routed back from Sydney to a voice mail service in Britain.

The caller will pay 45p for leaving the message, the sleeping phone owner will be billed for two international calls, a charge for retrieving the message and a 35 per cent mark-up for using the service abroad, nearly £8.

Because they are digital, the phones will also fit naturally alongside notebook computers, something which is starting to excite PC manufacturers.

Using the PCMCIA credit card-size slots which are now standard on most modern notebooks, modem makers will begin to produce wireless devices which hook a computer directly into electronic mail or public network systems without the need for even a phone handset.

Graeme Simons, PC products manager for the Japanese manufacturer Toshiba, one of the dominant players in the portable computer market, believes that digital services will spur an entirely new family of products for business travellers.

"I can see the day when someone selling financial services could talk to someone in their home and have a portable computer produce an accurate projection on the spot directly from the company's office computer system" says Mr Simons.

Nobody believes that digital phones will fail in the end; few would stake money on who the winners will be. It remains a simple truth at the moment, too, that analogue systems will continue to have better coverage than the digital networks for some time, and are more proven.

DAVID HEWSON

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Graeme Simons — forecasts entirely new products

Who wants accessories?

In a booming market, where do you go for the essential little extra?

You have decided which phone, which network, which tariff and which service provider you want. But the job is not over. Now it is time to buy accessories. One important question is whether you should buy from the manufacturers of the phones themselves, or from third parties.

The cellular accessories market is booming. According to David Foster, consultant at Marlborough-based market forecasters MZA, accessories, such as aerials, batteries, car kits, cases and chargers, are now worth some 10 per cent of the overall mobile phone equipment market and will rise to 12.5 per cent by the end of 1998.

Last year, he says, cellular phone users bought £25 million worth of accessories. By 1998, he says, the figure will reach £55 million.

Most manufacturers of mobile phones provide a full range of accessories to support their main products but in recent years there have been a growing number of independent suppliers.

These can be relatively unknown names, usually from South-East Asia, who are are content with pushing the product's price first, while remaining relatively anonymous. Others such as Ora, the British market leader, or Avante, a spin-off of Canadian mobile phone maker Novatel, are keen to establish their own brand identity to rival that of the phone makers.

It is usually cheaper to buy from an independent supplier. Lance Hiley, operations director of Avante, says that a battery for a Motorola phone which could cost about £70 from the original equipment maker is as little as £20 from an independent supplier.

But the phone makers have generally held back from endorsing accessories from third parties. In fact, at times the relationship has been strained. Motorola, for instance, say there have been cases where they are sure that faults on phones returned to them have been caused by third party accessories.

In one case, the company says, a third party battery had been supplied with the polarity reversed and had destroyed a customer's phone. As a result the company says it has redesigned its phones to withstand such abuse.

On the other hand the phone makers themselves often have their accessories made by third parties and simply rebadge them before selling them.

"They may not be approved by the mobile phone manufacturers but as long as you shop around carefully they can be just as good quality," Mr Hiley says.

Howard Lewis, European product manager responsible for mobile phones at Motorola, admits that original equipment and third party manufacturers coexist uneasily and adds: "We can't endorse the use of other manufacturers' accessories simply because we can't vouch for the quality."

There are times when the customer has no choice but to buy accessories from the phone maker. When a telephone is first launched third party products do not appear on the shelves until about six months later.

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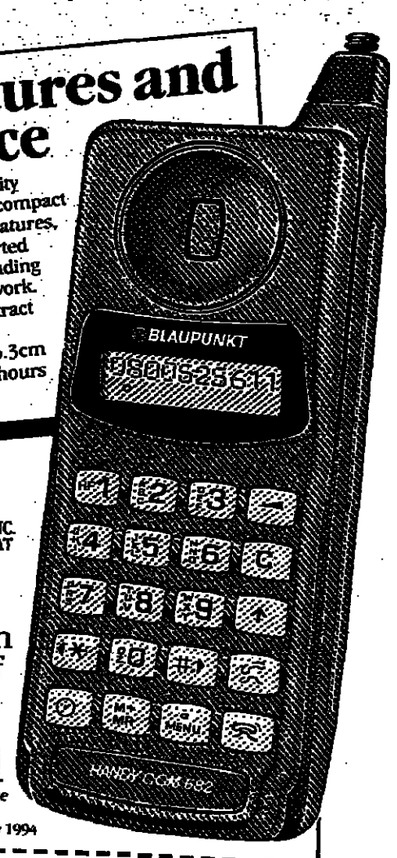
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Beating the clone phones

David Hewson reports on the fight against increasingly sophisticated mobile phone criminals



MARTIN BEDDALL

A pile of stolen mobile telephones recovered by police in London

Operation Hellweather is a Scotland Yard police unit set up 18 months ago with a single aim: to combat the growing crimes of cellphone theft and fraud.

The mobile phone industry estimates that about 10,000 handsets a month are stolen in Britain at the moment, at a cost to their owners and the cellphone trade of £50 million a year. A large proportion of the stolen phones are recycled through illicit dealer networks and sold on to new owners who have no idea of their criminal origins.

According to Detective Sergeant Jim Dickie, who leads Hellweather, cellphone fraud is a complex and highly profitable crime sector which has attracted the attention of well-organised gangs.

The days when most cellphone thefts were spur-of-the-moment acts, and the phones used for a few days before being thrown away, are long gone. Sergeant Dickie believes that most handsets are now electronically re-engineered either to take the identities of other, legal users (a practice known as "cloning") or given completely new identities and signed up as if they were legitimate units.

All users need to do is change the Electronic Serial Number (ESN) of the unit. This is a code built into the handset which identifies it whenever a call is made and is used by the network as the basis of billing.

Some early handsets could have their ESN reprogrammed simply by leaving them overnight in a freezer. Today's units are more sophisticated but, according to Sergeant Dickie, many can be given a new ESN by anyone with a notebook computer, a set of leads and the right software.

Cloned phones are easier for the networks to detect and are usually used for short periods of time before being thrown away or reprogrammed again. "Rechipped" phones, given new, apparently genuine, identities are normally issued with fresh airtime contracts by existing dealers who may, or may not, be aware of their background.

They may sell them as genuine second-hand units alongside new, legal models from a commercial retail shop.

Astonishingly, it is not illegal to rechip a cellphone, though it is a crime to steal or handle a stolen handset, and to use knowingly a cloned phone which passes the cost of calls onto someone else.

The mobile phone industry is now pressing the Government for a change to the Telecommunications Act to make rechipping a criminal offence, as it is in many other countries.

Sergeant Dickie says that many of the dealers who issue new airtime contracts for rechipped phones are unaware that they have been stolen but blames the high level of commissions paid by the industry for airtime contracts as the root of rise in cellphone crime.

"The commissions are huge when you get a new connection and that encourages the criminality in my view. Until the services and airtime providers address the commissions they are paying for new contracts this is going to go on and on.

"It is a highly organised crime, not something one person could do on their own. You need to have a certain amount of technological know-how and the knowledge of how to get the phone connected once it has been rechipped."

A number of criminal cases for cellphone fraud are pending as a result of Hellweather's investigations, including some of people involved directly in the commercial cellphone trade. Both phone manufacturers and service providers are also working on ways of tightening up security to track down illicit use.

Companies are naturally reluctant to publicise the details their security efforts. One of the methods used to track down cloned handsets is believed to be a sophisticated ESN tracking system which alerts the operator if a phone is apparently being used simultaneously in two locations, or calls are made with the same ESN in distant parts of the country only minutes or a few hours apart.

John Nickalls, product development manager for cellphones and pagers for NEC, argues that most modern phones are increasingly difficult for thieves to re-engineer.

"If they are willing to spend £10,000 taking a new unit apart they will find some way of cracking it. But it's a lot harder than it used to be. You can't just stick these things in a freezer any more. I think most of the crime happens with older phones."

You can insure your phone against theft or loss, at a price, but the contract can be riddled with expensive fine print caveats. If you lose one phone you may have to buy the next at full list price, probably more than £300 instead of the discounted £100 you first paid, and you may have to make up the difference.

Contracts may also have long notice periods which you will still have to pay for even if your phone has been stolen or lost.



This new mobile phone car kit from One-2-One is basic but costs only £90

Hands-off approach

How to make a call in a car without touching the phone

Drivers with one hand on the wheel and the other holding a portable phone to their ear are once again becoming an increasing menace on the roads.

Although most business users such as sales people have long been converted to using hands-free car phones, where a microphone and loudspeaker enable the driver to keep both hands on the wheel, hand portables are now becoming economic propositions for a much larger slice of the population now prices are coming down.

Most hands-free car kits consist of a power source for the phone, an antenna mounted on the roof or rear window, a booster unit to ensure that the phone has a big enough signal to avoid regular disconnection, a microphone (usually hidden behind the visor) and a loudspeaker.

The unit also needs a voice-activated controller to ensure that the loudspeaker does not cause feedback through the microphone.

Many police forces are observing that the new type of mobile phone users do not generally use their phones in the car very often, and so are unwilling to pay £300 to £400 for a kit plus installation charges to convert a portable phone into a hands-free set for the car. Buying a car kit often costs more than the phone itself.

Small wonder that many mobile phone users decide to do without a car kit. Some resolve piously never to use the phone while driving the car, a resolution that is usually broken the first time the user is delayed on a journey and wants to phone ahead to defer appointments.

The penalty for using a portable phone at the wheel can be severe: it is against section 43 of the Highway Code, which does not make phoning and driving illegal in itself but does make it easier for a charge of dangerous driving or driving without due care and attention to be made.

If police suspect that a driver involved in an accident was using a car phone at the time, they can check the itemised bill held by the service provider which reveals exactly when the phone was in use.

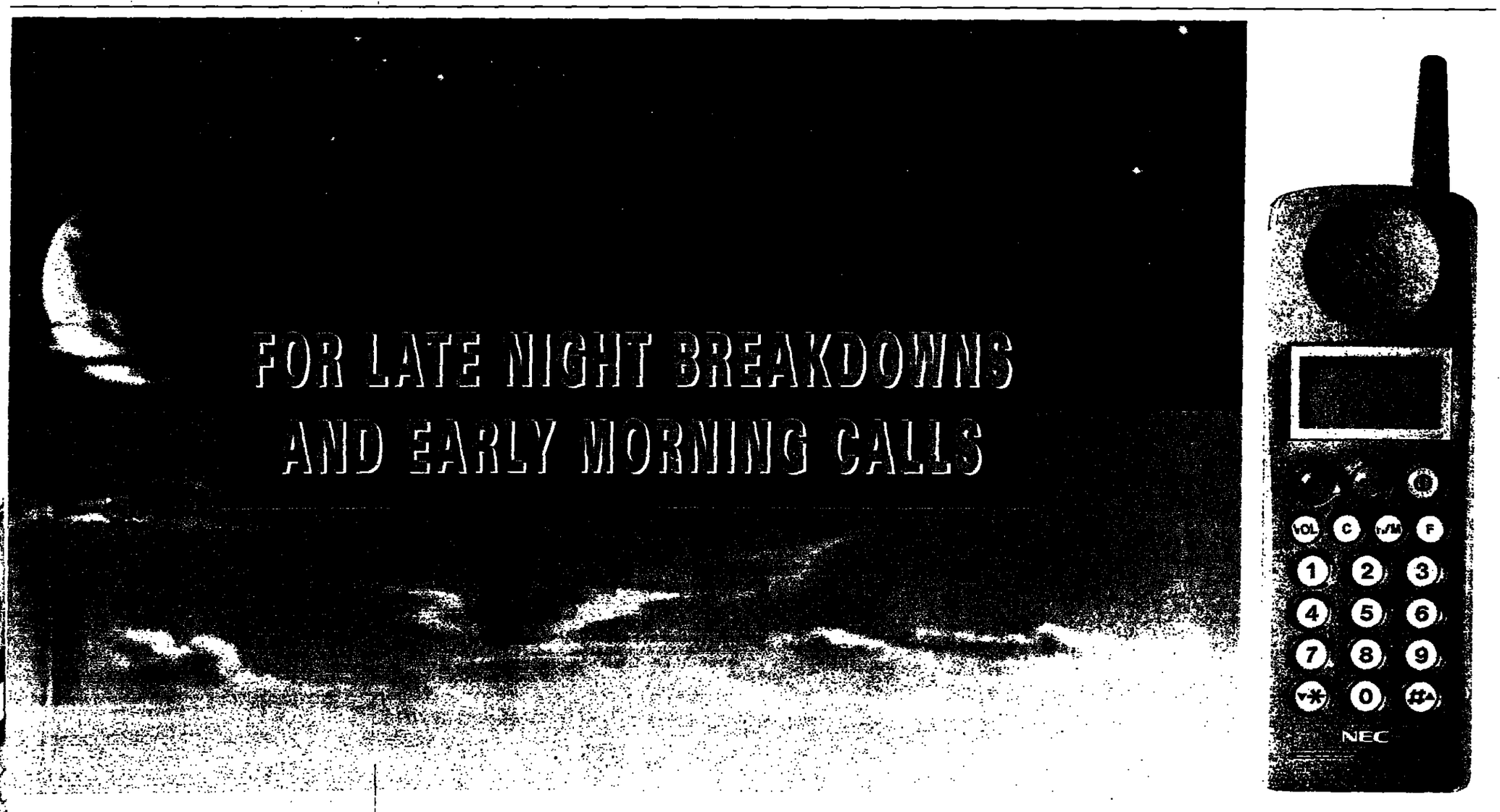
This week One-2-One launched a new car kit that, though very basic, costs only £90. It consists of a cradle for the phone, an antenna with a self-adhesive base for sticking it to the windscreen, and a power line connecting the phone to the cigarette lighter socket.

The user has to wear an earpiece with a microphone on a stalk, rather like a telephonist's headset. The system should be simple enough for do-it-yourself installation. It is available only for the cheapest of Mercury's four types of mobile phone.

An earphone and microphone on a stalk may make you look like Captain Scarlet but it should have the advantage that, being clearly visible, other drivers will not assume you are ranting insanely to yourself.

This will still not solve the problem that talking on a mobile phone while driving reduces concentration. The AA's advice is to pull over, whether you are using a hands-free phone or not.

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Truman Capote is faithfully impersonated in a fine one-man show by Bob Kingdom



Prized for a spirit of adventure

Richard Cork surveys this year's National Art Collections Fund awards, announced yesterday



The coveted NACF awards acknowledge outstanding achievement in the presentation and interpretation of the visual arts: *Portrait of the Chevalier Philip Hinckaert*, Brabant School, c1480-1500, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (top); Tate Gallery, St Ives (left); Claes Oldenburg's *Bottle of Notes*, Middlesbrough





However magnificent a work of art may be, poor presentation can easily snuff it out on the gallery wall. Dim lighting, overcrowded display and depressing architecture all conspire to lower the visitors' spirits, making them incapable of responding to an image's true quality. Most of us have been alienated by a dismal setting, usually in some forlorn municipal museum. Even though an astonishing picture may well lurk there, the air of gloom tempts us to ignore the art and head for the nearest exit.

Fortunately, a growing number of institutions are now determined to banish the shabbiness from their portals. Sometimes, they err in the opposite direction and opt for a relentless emphasis on "entertainment". An over-busy, horribly ingratiating display can impede our enjoyment of art just as much as the old, neglectful approach. On the whole, though, gallery interiors today are infinitely preferable to the despondent spaces I remember from my youth. And over the last eight years, the National Art Collections Fund has encouraged positive change with its annual, much-coveted awards for outstanding achievement in the presentation and interpretation of the visual arts.

The work of the 1994 prize-winners, announced last night at a celebratory Savoy Hotel dinner, testifies to the advances that have been made. And, after serving as a judge this year, I know just how many strong candidates narrowly missed gaining an award. The jury, who met in the NACF's newly acquired Kensington headquarters at Millais House, encompassed suitably diverse areas of expertise. Presided over by the Fund's chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, the panel comprised Robin Child, former director of art at Marlborough College; Richard Gray, director of galleries and museums in Manchester; Gill Hedley, director of the Contemporary Art Society; and John Ingamells, former director of the Wallace Collection.

The task of sifting was formidable, even though the NACF had sensibly decided to clarify the avalanche of applicants by splitting the 1994 Awards into four categories: Exhibitions, Education, Art Outside the Gallery, and New Projects. The creation of these different sections, each of which is armed with a £5,000 prize and £1,000 for the runner-up, is in itself a measure of the rapidly expanding scene.

No longer is it enough to think solely in terms of new lighting, a different hang, an extension or even an ambitious loan show. Today's most forward-looking museums and galleries are now conscious of the need to widen audiences by involving local communities, attracting schoolchildren by the busload and bringing the public into direct contact with artists.

> "Projects in non-gallery spaces, of all shapes and sizes, are on the increase"

Nor should today's art be confined exclusively within their premises. Projects in non-gallery spaces of all kinds are proliferating, and sometimes attract far more attention than a conventional exhibition. Witness the explosion of interest in Rachel Whiteread's marvellous, much-lamented *House* — a sadly demolished work which can already be seen as a landmark sculpture of the 1990s.

All these developments, which have added so much to the dynamic of art in recent years, are directly reflected in the NACF Awards. At a time when cuts are savagely affecting institutions throughout the country, the prize-money must be especially welcome. But the encouragement given by public recognition has a beneficial effect, too. It makes the recipient realise that, however adverse the economic climate for art may remain, adventurous activities will always be rewarded with an appreciative response.

Take the winners in the Exhibitions category. The judges were impressed by the initiative of the runner-up, the Oxford Museum of Modern Art, in staging its memorable Gary Hill show. A leading American video artist, he emerged with general acclaim from the last Documenta — the gigantic art jamboree held in Kassel. But Hill was barely known here. MOMA Oxford has successfully established him here as one of the finest artists of his generation.

Far greater financial resources were required to mount the award-winning show: *Splendours of Flanders* at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Defying the fact that he receives so little support from his local authority, the Fitzwilliam's director, Simon Jervis, managed to mount a major survey of late medieval Flemish art drawn mainly from unfamiliar treasures in Cambridge collections. The handsome catalogue alone makes an important scholarly contribution to our understanding of a period rich in exceptional achievements.

The word "education" has a dry ring, but the winners in this category proved how exciting it can be. At the Tate Gallery Liverpool, the runner-up, the staff threw their energies behind Antony Gormley's collaboration with 100 local people. They helped him to make a spectacular, haunting sculpture called *Field*, comprising 43,000 tiny clay figures. And if their hands-on involvement showed one way in which the understanding of art can be enlarged, the National Gallery came up with another in its prize-winning exhibition devoted to the Wilton Diptych. Even visitors long familiar with this miraculous painting found the show's elucidation constantly illuminating. And the judges were also impressed by the ingenious Microsoft Art Gallery, which now makes the entire National Gallery collection available on CD-Rom discs.

A trip to Middlesbrough was needed to evaluate the runner-up in the Art Outside The Gallery section. Against all the odds, its newly remodelled town centre now provides a permanent home for Britain's first public sculpture by the distinguished artists Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen. *Bottle of Notes* takes its cue from the voyages of local hero Captain Cook, using a quotation from his journal and interweaving it with a van Bruggen poem to create a spiralling and tilting monument to exploration.

That is a great coup for Middlesbrough, and over at Dudley the prize-winner, borough artist Steve Field, is enlivening another regional centre with sculpture. Operating on minimal resources, but with an admirable determination to set up public projects of international significance, he has organised installations in the ruins of Dudley Castle and commissioned a major work by Ian Hamilton Finlay for the 18th-century garden of the poet William Shenstone.

Both these ventures should prove an inspiration to the rest of the country, showing that remarkable work can be produced in locations far removed from metropolitan grandeur. And the same welcome conclusion can be drawn from the New Projects category. A disused gymnasium in Berwick may sound an unlikely place to start an adventurous gallery. But Timandra Gustafson has accomplished this surprising feat in the newly renovated building, near the town's historic sea wall. Her lively international programme of exhibitions deserved the runners-up award, while the main prize went to the new Tate Gallery in St Ives. Spectacularly sited on a cliff overlooking the expansive Porthmeor Beach, this spirited building has already proved immensely popular.

As well as providing a showcase for St Ives art, the gallery runs a lively education programme and has involved contemporary artists from the outset. It is a triumph for Sir Richard Carew Poole and all the local patrons who helped to raise the money.

Britain's notoriously centralised culture seems to be shifting at last, and the winners of the NACF Awards all show how vigorous regional initiatives have now become.

● *The NACF, which always welcomes new members, is now at Millais House, 7 Cromwell Place, London SW7 (Tel 071-225 4800)*

TELEVISION

We are still not amused

A CLEVER, but ultimately daft, idea is to bring Queen Victoria back to the present day, presumably with Dr Who's help, and let her see how her descendants are faring. Which, according to **A Curse On The House of Windsor?** (C4, Tuesday), is not at all well.

Ferried about by faithful John Brown in a red Roller, Victoria (Miriam Margoyles, suitably height-challenged but with a bust you could serve a state banquet off) wept to find the memorial to her beloved Albert crumbling for lack of money, and in the tale of its rusting ironwork appeared to find some allegory of the current state of monarchy.

Dennis Skinner told her the present lot had killed the mystique by appearing on television too much, while Andrew Neil, an editor from hereabouts, blamed their own bad behaviour. Same old arguments, same old talking heads. Distressed by encircling disrespect, Victoria cast an anti-monarchical volume by A.N. Wilson into the fireplace. Cut to news footage of Windsor fire. Very ho ho, but all heat and no light.

The same shot opened **The Disorderly House Of Windsor** (C4, Thursday), which scooped up those remaining pundits not employed on Tuesday. Tony Benn laboured down an obscure byway of argument about the royal family not being English, while others again flogged the overexposure horse. In neither programme did anyone make the point that the last true rise of republicanism in Britain was occasioned by Victoria's years of withdrawal from public life.

Vicky, of course, had a proper empire to reign over, and the fact that we no longer have one was made painfully clear in **True Brits** (BBC2, Thursday), supposedly the first of a series on the inner workings of the Foreign Office but in fact a profile of its vehemently self-important, vehemently chain-smoking and now-departed minister of state, Tristan Garel-Jones, who gave a bravura performance to the fly-on-the-wall camera while the cool Douglas Hurd sat in conference sucking a gold pen as though his mind were on his next novel.

But what is the Foreign Office *for?* In the absence of empire, it appears to be for arguing through the night with dreary Danes over whether an obscure sub-paragraph of the Maastricht treaty should contain the word "agree" or "decide," and whether a hideous red leather armchair at the Edinburgh summit is built sufficiently like the Forth Bridge to support Chancellor Kohl.

"Thank God it's only a game," said Garel-Jones after a particularly tedious bout of treaty-bashing with the earnest men of Copenhagen. If Victoria, on her Tardis time-trip to the present, wishes to believe that Britain still rules an empire without sunsets, this is the very sort of programme she should not be allowed to watch.

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Where Britten meets France

Felicity Lott
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Only a singer with the particular sense of heightened self-awareness and self-possession enjoyed by Felicity Lott could move within seconds from the world of the French salon to that of 17th-century music-theatre, and inhabit both entirely.

Henry Purcell's "Music For A While", its energy powerfully contained within the stillness of its ever-repeating bass, followed the flouncingly extrovert mood of "Oh, que j'aime les militaires", in a train of encores chosen to summarise and seal the evening's musical activity.

Henry Purcell and Benjamin Britten caught each other's reflections in the mirror of the first half. Before Britten's own settings of W.H. Auden, there was florid music aplenty: Purcell's own luxuriant "Sweeter Than Roses" was matched by Britten's exuberant arrangement of Purcell's "Lord, What Is Man?"

This setting of Fuller's "A Divine Hymn" with its impassioned rhetorical questions, startling juxtapositions and gasping praise, caught all the natural nervous excitement of a singer at the start of a recital. Lott's own supply of adrenalin at this point provided the impetus for both the temperament and the fierce testing of the song: typically, she rose to the challenge of her own programming.

Purcell is reincarnated in Britten's first Canticle, "My Beloved Is Mine", and both Lott and her pianist Graham Johnson enjoyed the music's constant eddying between the emblem-like plain speaking and the florid conceits of Francis Quarles's poetry.

Britten's burning response to the poetry of Auden spoke in as many tones of voice as the verse itself, and Lott responded in kind. Her soprano flared into the hot sun of "Let The Florid Music Praise", brought the surprise of joy to the final quiet rapture of "Fish In The Unruffled Lakes" and swung into the syncopations of the sardonic "As It Is, Plenty".

These were real performances: but at times they seemed just a little over-articulated at the piano, just a little over-verbal in the voice. Strangely enough, Lott seemed less selfconscious and more thoroughly at ease in the French language songs after the interval.

A group of young French visitors near me in the audience was simply purring in delight; and no wonder, for no sooner had Lott glowed her way through the shifting vowels and long, smooth lines of Henri Duparc, than she was rolling her eyes and her shoulders, and twirling her skirt ribbons to the irresistible tunes of Reynaldo Hahn. This cunningly chosen selection of five of this still neglected composer's best songs (among them "Infidelité" and "La dernière valse") led into "Dîtes-lui" from Offenbach's *La Périchole*, the first of three equally artful and generous encores.

HILARY FINCH

A new song for Schubert

Thomas Zehetmair
Wigmore Hall

WHEN a late cancellation left the Wigmore Hall with a gap in its Master Concerts series, it did well to get a replacement of the calibre of Thomas Zehetmair. Too few people knew, however, and the Austrian violinist played to a half-empty hall on Tuesday. Those who were there were rewarded with a display of consummate musicianship, and a new work to boot.

The recital opened with a finely judged balancing of the contrasting tendencies of Beethoven's early Sonata in E flat, Op 12 No 3. Classical poise was evident in the shaping of phrases, while Romantic undercurrents contributed a frisson of uncertainty. Zehetmair and his pianist, Silke Avenhaus, created an ideally lively interplay between the instruments, at the same time finding the leisure to relax into the phrases.

A rather different mingling of Classical and Romantic strains is found in Honegger's Sonata No 1, where neoclassical manners are subjected to intensifying Romantic expression. That tension erupts early in the first movement, finally fading away to atmospheric harmonics. Zehetmair exploited the full range of mood and idiom in this attractive piece, making one wish it was programmed more often.

The work receiving its British premiere, by the Vienna-based composer Beat Furrer, was called *Lied:* a somewhat confusing title since it contains nothing resembling a melody. A Schubertian connection is made by incorporation of fragments of the song "Auf dem Flusse" from *Winterreise*. But the fragments are so intangible, and there is so much in the way of bare octaves and glassy tremolo, that it emerges more as a prolonged upbeat to a Lied.

That, in fact, was how it was presented, since the players went straight from the Furrer, without a break, to *echt* Schubert: the Sonata in A Major, D574. Rarely can the opening bars have sounded so heavenly, so moving, after such an astringent prologue. Zehetmair's phrases sang with expansive, full-throated lyricism, and Avenhaus's contribution was no less inspired. Playing of this quality deserves to attract a full house next time round.

BARRY MILLINGTON

The single best reason for living

When we go through the five or so years of fire-struck madness that means we almost have to *live* in HMV and Our Price and dodgy, shabby, cat-smelling sub-let record shops, it seems like the holy grail of all that time is defined as Ultimate Single . . . the one record that you can spot-weld to the turntable, and never have to replace with anything else.

Everyone goes through a phase of being so in love with music that each and every occurrence in their life is soundtracked by a certain single. So intense is this obsession that, many years later, hearing that record again in a pub or club can induce a leaking of salt water from the eyes — if you're a girl, anyway. If you're a boy, the swift buying of another pint and a rather hearty session of backslapping usually occurs. We often use music to speak the words our heart can't even touch on without too much pain. Conversely, we also use music to give an extra kick to a sweep of happiness, and push the emotions into that final, untrammelled realm of ultra-joy.

But when the years of living inside music finally leave us, and the sad, train-spottery tendency to collect *every* record release that week finally dies down, our only contact with music in general is the endless loop of the 40 or so singles played every week on Radio 1. Most of it passes us by, like scenery viewed through the window of a train, going too fast to focus on anything much — but every so often a single dominates the horizon, and gives a chapter-heading to the month.



A misty-eyed **Caitlin Moran** drops the stylus on some small but perfectly formed pieces of plastic

But what makes a great single great? Let's take a quick tour around the fantastic and sublime of the past 30 years, and gently pull them to pieces. We'll start off with the big explosion that was the Beatles. The early singles oozed with a sexual longing obscured by pristine harmonies and lyrics that could only hint. As the 1960s started to head towards the 1970s, and Britain as a whole became more louche, the Fab Four could get away with writing the explicit, and godawful "Why Don't We Do It In The Road?" — although this was not a single. You may wish to give thanks for this, by the way.

Moving on to the 1970s: and David Bowie, Abba and Marc Bolan made the singles chart their own. Abba with pop so mindless it became profound; Bowie with a pop sensibility that could support his avant-garde longings, and Bolan with a sleazed-out, glittered-up, almost cartoon kind of sexuality that landmarked a million adolescent fumblings.

In the late 1970s, the Sex Pistols, ironically enough, ignored sex completely, and concentrated on the hedonism and indulgent good time involved in half-heartedly destroying the System; and in the early 1980s the Smiths catalogued, in painstaking detail, the absurdity of human desire. Each of these acts homed in on and amplified a trend in the national subconscious, while using the power that this gave them to flex their own artistic egos and try something a little different to what had gone before.

Jumping right into the 1990s, nothing has changed. 2 Unlimited's "No Limits", with its more-than-simplistic lyrics and ear-bleeding bass line, underlined the pointlessness of trying to have a conversation in clubs. En Vogue's "My Lovin' (You Ain't Never Gonna Get It)", complete with flesh-packed video, picked up on the voyeurism that has taken over from sexual congress in the current climate of Aids awareness; and Nirvana "Smells Like Teen Spirit" was indicative of the impotence felt by an increasingly marginalised youth audience. As demographics switch and flow, all this will change and change again.

But until then, the great singles of the 1990s are more about fear, repression and non-communication than sittin' on the dock of the bay, wastin' time.

POP ON FRIDAY: They're hot in the clubs, but low in social skills. **David Toop** meets techno's bores with attitude

Up to something in the bedroom

Just over 30 years ago, Brian Wilson and Gary Usher wrote a poignant song for the Beach Boys entitled "In My Room". "Gary recognised that the music room served as a sanctuary to me," Wilson wrote in his autobiography, *Wouldn't it be Nice*. "He never got over the fact that I slept there, right beside the piano."

For three subsequent decades, bedroom music was a term reserved for activities involving satin sheets, impractical night attire and the non-verbal communication of Barry White. But running neck-and-neck with the development of the so-called electronic cottage, the bedroom has cast aside associations with the boudoir. With sex becoming impossible and human interaction increasingly unnecessary, the bedroom has resumed its rightful role as a monastic cell devoted to solitary music-making.

At the head of the queue of young obsessives who record prodigious quantities of electronic music en route to the bathroom is the Aphex Twin. Known on his passport as Richard James, the Twin claims that he rarely sleeps. Bedrooms are for work and, even in rare moments of repose, he cultivates a talent for lucid dreaming, during which he composes new material. Not only has he taken his blatantly uncommercial music to No 11 in the national album charts; he also co-owns a record company named Rephlex, encouraging others to expose their domestic creations to the big wide world.

The Twin's comments about the musicians signed to Rephlex could be construed as less than flattering. "They've all got these strange personalities you've never seen in the pop stardom world," he says. "The people on our label are in their bedrooms all day long. They make four tracks a day. They are people you can't hold a conversation with, people like me, bedroom bores, coming into the public eye. That's quite amusing."

In the Twin's view, Michael Paradinas is a particularly amusing member of the Rephlex roster. The more active half of a techno duo known as Mu-ziq, Paradinas has released a well-received album entitled *Tango n'vectif*.

> "I don't miss *Neighbours* because I can do a track before it comes on"

"He doesn't know the art of conversation," says the Twin. "He's just really introverted."

This seems a fair judgment of a man whose follow-up album, *Bluff Limbo*, has been leaked on to the market four months before its official release in a limited edition vinyl package entirely lacking in helpful information. True to form, Paradinas in person is painfully reserved. Barely a flicker of reaction crosses his features when I tell him about the bedroom bores. This is a technological revolution and, as with all such revolutions, those on the barricades are scornful of those stubborn souls who fight to maintain the old order.

Affordable prices for digital recording and computer software have unleashed a hungry host of musicians who might otherwise have taken to train-spotting rather than brave the rigours of working in close proximity to music business professionals. For Paradinas, the notion of working in a proper recording studio is a nightmare. "You can't distort," he shudders. A 22-year-old former architecture student, he lives in south London with his mother, who insists that he uses headphones. "When she goes out to the shops, I can hear what it sounds like on loudspeakers," he admits.

The first sad aspect, Paradinas says, is the prospect of never leaving the bedroom. "There's something to be said for working with other musicians, but not in your bedroom," he says. "Playing live is good because you can learn a lot. I think I have, probably because I've played in bands since I was about nine."

In case this should be interpreted as faint-hearted humanism, he makes a stronger case for the loneliness of the long-distance computer musician. "I prefer working on my own", he says, "because I can do what I want instead of having to say: 'Do you think it sounds good?' I just put it in, even if it sounds cheesy. I can do a track in an hour, whereas if you're with someone else it can take four hours."

Some people might find such ruthless isolationism depressing, I suggest. "You get more time for other things," he says. "I don't miss *Neighbours* because I can do a track before it comes on."

With his combination of violently distorted drum machine sounds and disturbingly bland melodies, Paradinas sits on the cutting edge of techno. Further out, in the west London suburbs, even younger bedroom bores are waiting to take his place. Daniel Pemberton is a confident 16-year-old who disguises his electronic bedroom activities from all but the closest of school friends.

At his home near Hampton Court, he churns out cassettes of impressively accomplished ambient techno on equipment financed by writing reviews for a computer games magazine. Some of it sounds the equal of music written by Hollywood composers who win Oscars, but Pemberton is better off not knowing that until his exam revision is finished.



DAVID TREVNOR

Wearing the headphones his mother insists on, Michael Paradinas rocks out: "When she goes out to the shops, I can hear what it sounds like on loudspeakers"

Already, a minor bidding war is in progress as record companies in Belgium, Germany and Britain fight to release his debut album, called, appropriately enough, *Bedroom*. Pemberton is impressed, but adolescently diffident enough to jeopardise his chances of closing a deal. After all, his mother studied textile design at Winchester College of Art when Brian Eno was president of the students' union. "It really freaked me out, that," he says.

Of course, he has peers who still thrash out noisy guitar music. "There are quite a few bands at our school", he says, "but most of them are probably knob." Too bright to be a bore, but too now to be knob, Pemberton is simply bedroom.

Modern life is rubbished

NEW RELEASES: Remember the glory days of the Kinks? Blur do

BLUR
Parklife
(Food 8 29194)
IT IS small wonder that Blur have been likened to Madness, given *Parklife*'s heavy quota of clever, garrulous pop songs loaded with references to working-class life in London. There's "Bank Holiday", all about going down the pub and tucking in to chicken and sausage barbecues; and there's the title track about going to the dogs; and there's "Tracy Jacks", about a disgruntled civil servant who eventually responds to the futility of life by bulldozing his home in the suburbs. All that's needed here is a few cor blimeys and a skiffle beat and you'd have "My Old Man's A Dustman".

But whereas Madness (and Lonnie Donegan for that matter) invariably locate the humour or warmth in such situations, Blur's worldview is not so generous of spirit. You can see it in their rather pinched expressions, their over-tight jackets and their scrawny mod haircuts, and hear it in the whine of Damon Albarn's voice. It's called attitude, and in this regard Blur are more like a sour, 1990s version of the great London groups of the 1960s: the Small Faces and the Kinks.

Indeed, on the album's title track, Albarn's over-the-fence, cockernee banter echoes that of Steve Marriott in "Lazy Sunday Afternoon" ("You should cut down on your porklife mate . . . get some exercise") while the gently descending chord sequence in the chorus ("All the people, so many people") would fit comfortably into any number of Ray Davies songs.

A rapid and logical follow-up to last year's *Modern Life is Rubbish*, this is another album with no shortage of good songs. But once again they strive too selfconsciously to combine heavy-handed romantic folklore with a fashionably disaffected pose.

SENSER
Stacked Up
(Ultimate TOPPCD008)
SENSER began life as a thrash metal band five years ago, and have evolved into a seven-piece group whose bona fides are now established among an impressive array of rock's modern tribal groupings: hip-hoppers, headbangers, hippies, indie-rockers and ravers are all happy to claim them as their own. And, with a debut as good as *Stacked Up* to their name, it's not hard to see why.

Balancing the beguiling wail and occasional flute playing of Kerstin Haigh against the aggressive rat-a-tat-tat vocalese of rapper Heitham Al-Sayed, Senser also throw Metallica-strength guitar and a superlative deep funk rhythm section into the mix.

This unique, genre-busting sound is underpinned by a suitably heroic but conveniently vague anti-establishment philosophy. Songs like "States Of Mind" and "What's Going On?" resound with lots of angry sloganeering about "breakin' down the barricades", making the group sound at times like a more accessible version of agit-rap-rockers Rage Against the Machine.

The music, image and attitude are absolutely up to the minute while the performances, particularly that of drummer John Morgan, are keen as mustard. This album deserves to sweep all before it.

VAN MORRISON
A Night In San Francisco
(Polydor 521290)
AFTER the re-release of a great wodge of back catalogue earlier this year, Van Morrison continues to tread water at a furious pace with a double-live 147-minute marathon recorded at the Masonic Auditorium, San Francisco last December.

Ably backed by a superb eight-piece band featuring Georgie Fame, and with guest contributions from John Lee Hooker ("Gloria") and Candy Dulfer among others, Morrison turns in a performance of typically surly authority, as he works his way through a set peppered with a high proportion of other people's standards — "Stormy Monday", "Help Me", "Good Morning Little Schoolgirl", "It's A Man's Man's Man's World" and several more. The selection of his own material is weighted in favour of more recent albums, and includes "Did Ye Get Healed", "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?" and a briskly swinging "Moondance".

In a triumphal, if routine, exercise in recycling his repertoire, Morrison nevertheless invests the performance — medleys, lengthy stretches of jamming and all — with a touch of magic. What he needs now is a good, hard think about where to go next.

STINA NORDENSTAM
And She Closed Her Eyes
(east west 4509-93898)
NOW that Björk has won pan-European acceptance, perhaps British ears will be better attuned to the icy idiosyncrasies of her fellow Scandinavian Stina Nordenstam. Although the Swede's debut of two years ago garnered much critical praise, it disappeared as quickly as a footprint in the snow.

As before, *And She Closed Her Eyes* envelops the listener in a strange, faintly sinister calm. It is similar in mood to the glacial poise of Julee Cruise's contributions to the soundtrack of *Twin Peaks*, although more complex and jazz-orientated.

But whereas Cruise's voice contrived to sound as soft as thistledown, Nordenstam's delivery, although just as quiet, has a stark, brittle quality.

Recorded tight up to the microphone, her voice is crammed so far forward in the mix that her consonants sound like cellophane rustling in the ear. Pale and interesting, this is music that sends an otherworldly shiver running down the spine.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Parklife**	Blur (Food)
2	**The Division Bell**	Pink Floyd (EMI)
3	**Our Town — The Greatest Hits**	Deacon Blue (Columbia)
4	**The Very Best Of**	Marvin Gaye (Motown)
5	**Stacked Up**	Senser (Ultimate)
6	**Happy Nation (U.S. Version)**	Ace of Base (Metronome)
7	**Everybody Else Is Doing It . . .**	Cranberries (Island)
8	**Music Box**	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
9	**Crash! Boom! Bang!**	Roxette (EMI)
10	**D:ream On Vol 1**	D:ream (Magnet)

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LONDON

SPRING FEVER The artists in this busy glassblowing workshop are again hosting open weekends to flaunt their craft. To celebrate the season they have developed a range called, appropriately enough, "Blossom". Demonstrations, great bargains, as well as some more serious pieces are all on offer. Admirers and buyers both welcome.
London Glassblowing Workshop, 109 Rotherhithe Street SE16 (071-237 0394). Tomorrow and Sun and May 7 and 8, 11am-5pm. Admission free.

MICHELANGELO AT HOME A possibly once in a lifetime chance to see this exhibition of drawings and letters from the Museum of Casa Buonarroti in Florence, once the home of the great artist. The nucleus of the show is 15 drawings by the master himself, not permanently on view to the public. Plus letters, portraits, bronzes and antiquities, including a 16th-century illuminated page revealing painted-over details of the *The Last Judgement* frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.
Accademia Italiana, Rutland Gate SW7 (071-225 3474). Tue-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Wed until 8pm, Sun, 12 noon-5.30pm. Closed May 14 and 15. Opens today, until July 24.

BBC NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF WALES: Pianist John Lill joins the orchestra tomorrow evening for a performance of Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor, Op 15; plus Mendelssohn's overture, *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage* and Beethoven's Symphony No 5 in C minor, Op 67. Adrian Leaper conducts.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (081-681 0821). Sat, 8pm.

THE WEEKEND. Richard Wilson and Angela Thorne seem perfectly cast as the old grouch and the long-suffering keeper-of-the-peace in Michael Palin's first full-length play. Now previewing for a limited London run.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Tonight-Mon, 7.45pm. Opens May 3.

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER. The Festival Theatre's season opens with Patricia Routledge, Timothy West and Richard O'Callaghan in a safe choice, Sheridan's **The Rivals.** Richard Cottrell directs.
Festival, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens May 6, 7pm. [S]

LEEDS: The innovative theatre director Annabel Arden brings her unique style to the operatic stage for the first time for **Opera North's** production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute.* Andrew Parrott conducts, designs by Rae Smith.
Grand, New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Tomorrow, pm [S]

GLASGOW. Mayfest 94 opens with **The Bridge,** based on the nightmarish novel by Iain Banks and performed by the Scottish-based international ensemble Benchtours. With Angela Laurier — Puck in Robert Lepage's *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*
Fruitmarket, Albion St (041-227 5511). Tonight-May 8, 8pm

MANCHESTER. The month-long extravaganza **Ona Catalana** starts this weekend. A celebration of the area around Barcelona takes in its music, drama, dance, film and carnivals and is set to transform Manchester with Catalan fever. Don't miss the 15-foot "giants" set up around town.
Box Office, (061-236 1677).

MOLD: **Imogen Stubbs** plays the plucky heroine in Shaw's *Saint Joan.* A tour and London run follows.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 756114). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat 3pm and 8pm. Plus Mon May 2, 7.30pm. Until May 21 [S]

WATFORD: A new production from Lou Stein of Eugene O'Neill's **Desire Under the Elms** starts this weekend: an old farmer's remarriage to a sultry young wife arouses predictable passions in his three sons.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Previews tonight, opens tomorrow, 8pm. Until May 21

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Sackler Galleries of the Ancient Near East and Egypt (071-636 1555) . . . **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/ Unbound (071-928 3144) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Annie Liebovitz (071-306 0055) . . . **National Gallery:** Zurbaran: Jacob and his Twelve Sons (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya (071-439 7438) . . . **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) . . . **V & A:** The Glass Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

◩ **BARNABY DOWNING** Set in an Oxford college in the 1950s, the life-and-death story of a gay poet, felled by pressures to conform. Written and performed by actor/poet John Quentin.
New End, New End, Hampstead NW3 (071-794 0022). Opens tonight, 8pm

◩ **DEAD FUNNY:** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8987). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV.** The company of a clever, cultured and witty man of many worlds. One of the world's most masterly raconteurs returns for four weeks only.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun, 3pm

□ **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE:** New play by Philip Ridley: the marvellous John Wood plays a Sixties gangleader returning to a very different East End. Fascinating though implausible.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. [S]

□ **HATED NIGHTFALL.** Howard Barker turns the last days of the Romanoffs into a polemic about something, tyranny or feckless rulers or vindictive underlings.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 7.

◩ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE.** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle-footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◩ **LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST** Daniel Massey and Jeremy Northam in Ian Judge's superbly cast "Brideshead" production, transferred from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens May 3, 7pm. [S]

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

□ **ROPE.** Keith Baxter's look at Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller: two young men kill to show how clever they are. Too much creaky melodrama.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **SUNSET BOULEVARD.** Reopened, with Betty Buckley and John Barrowman in the leads and new material that sharpens and tightens the story.
Adelphi, Strand WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. [S]

□ **TRAVESTIES.** Stoppard's dazzler, starring Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. [S]

◩ **WIND IN THE WILLOWS:** Back for the really and truly last time with Desmond Barrit as Mr Toad.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm mats tomorrow and Tue, 2pm. [S]

LONG RUNNERS

□ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) . . . □ **April in Paris:** Ambassadors (071-836 6111) . . . □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . □ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ◩ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . (071-930 8800) ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . □ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . □ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ACE VENTURA, PET DETECTIVE (12): Gruelling, juvenile vehicle for rubber-faced TV comic Jim Carrey. With Sean Young. Director, Tom Shadyac.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

DEADLY ADVICE (15): Murderers' ghosts give downtrodden Jane Horrocks ideas. Botched British black comedy, with Imelda Staunton. Director, Mandie Fletcher.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

LITTLE BUDDHA (PG): A child's guide to Buddhism from Bertolucci, dramatically awkward but visually arresting. With Keanu Reeves, Alex Wiesendanger and Chris Isaak.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

◆ **MOTHER'S BOYS** (15): Prettily decked but lame-brained thriller about a psychopathic mum (Jamie Lee Curtis). With Peter Gallagher and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer; director, Yves Simoneau.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

◆ **ROMEO IS BLEEDING** (18): Unpleasant, mood-hopping tale of a bad cop scorched by a femme fatale. Peter Medak directs Gary Oldman, Lena Olin.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

CURRENT

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
Electric [S] (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574)

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini co-stars as Bridges' wife. Peter Weir directs.
Barbican [S] (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-439 4343)

THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August.
Empire [S] (0800-888 911)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington: an Aids victim's fight for justice, dynamically told. Jonathan Demme directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** [S] (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Fulham Road [S] (071-370 2636) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg stars Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire [S] (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** [S] (071-727 6705) **Plaza** [S] (071-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. With Andie MacDowell, Matthew Modine, Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

TOM & VIV (15): Absorbing, downbeat account of T S Eliot's first marriage, with Miranda Richardson, Willem Dafoe.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2773)

◆ **WIDOWS' PEAK** (PG): Pale, unwanted comedy-mystery set in Ireland, with Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** [S] (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

THEATRE: Bob Kingdom's new one-man show; and the latest transvestite phenomenon

Going to seed with panache

The Truman Capote Talk Show
Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THE actor Bob Kingdom did Dylan Thomas to a T. This time, in another self-written solo piece, he is transformed into a second dwarfish literary giant with a drink problem: Truman Capote.

It's showtime. Provocative fingers tiptoe round the edge of a screen. A leg slides seductively into view. Eventually, the whole man is exposed: fussy patent leather shoes; a purple poloneck and bohemianly flung red scarf; a porky, pasty-face half-hidden by dark glasses and a rakish trilby. Capote must be the evolutionary link between Oscar Wilde and Elton John.

This Capote is not the gay gamin who took Manhattan by storm, publishing his first novel at 24, but essentially the man of the mid-1970s, going to seed, albeit with panache. Still, he retains something of the little boy. Recounting his whole life like a raconteur, combining pithy axioms, prose-poetry and gossipy anecdotes about big shot parties, he sits in a chair with his child-size feet never quite touching the ground: a symbol of Capote's high-flying, heady existence.

Implicitly psycho-analysing himself from the departure of his father and his early years watching his mother having sex with strange men, he speaks in a lisping soprano, perhaps infantile, perhaps senile. His sexless face and effeminacy also allow him to turn briefly into one of the "spinster co-operatives" who brought him up.

Capote addresses us like a queenie chat-show host with a penchant for stand-up. Tight twists of phrase emerge from a slobby mouth. He is the personification of ageing Vanity but bitchily funny. "Norman Mailer described me as the best writer of my generation," he says, "for what it's worth." In the pause between, his tongue pushes round under his lips, a gesture somewhere between distaste, a grotesque come-on and a pointer before a punchline. Both hands rotate like fey sarcastic flowers following the sun. He's got a voice like a citrus fruit being squeezed: bitter and pained.

What makes Kingdom's one-man shows dramatically involving are the complex dualities of his portraits. This piece is not perfect. It feels a fraction too long and does not build to its ending. Occasionally an echoed movement or a pregnant pause seem just too calculated. The piece begins with a suggestion of Capote being laid bare. However, the flashes of emotional vulnerability are few (famous acquaintances loom larger than amours) and are not wholly convincing. Perhaps the point is that we never get to the naked truth of this character.

The magic ring that encircles him, marking off his space, isolates him as a lonely socialite and solitary writer. Yet it also bewitchingly draws us in. Kingdom is a writer of controlled flair and a fine physical actor who adopts accents with the ease of a chameleon and is absorbed mesmerisingly into whoever he impersonates.

KATE BASSETT



"Like a queenie chat-show host": Truman Capote in Bob Kingdom's portrayal. Drawing by Bill Hewison

Read his, or her, lips

The Fabulous Lypsinka Show
Drill Hall

ACROSS the bottom of my invitation were written the words "Dress: Glamorous". Though I am terribly short just now of sequins and fur stoles, I made a special effort. The theatre critic of the *Observer* has been abusing his colleagues for scruffy dressing, so I zipped up my jacket and polished my glasses — but did not, I think, score well in the glamour stakes.

Mr La Rue was dapper in cherry red. Mr Clary, in simple black, looked very street. Young women in leather and tattoos pushed past hearty figures robed in stiff silk. But it was too late to fly to Miss Selfridge for a nice new frock. The lengthy process of leaving the bar for the auditorium had begun, and when this was finished, 15 minutes after the show was due to start, the lights were lowered, the glitter-ball began throwing manic tadpoles across the curtains, and the first blast of big-band music hit the eardrums.

Lypsinka, Goddess of Showbiz, Personification of Pizzazz, and all the rest of it, is Joe Epperson, native of Mississippi. Lypsinka entered the world 15 years ago and has developed a cult following — though what hasn't, I sometimes wonder — on both coasts of America. You gotta have a gimmick, as the showgirls told Gypsy Rose, and Lypsinka's is lip-synching. So far as I could tell from what his Adam's apple wasn't doing, Lypsinka sings not a note nor utters a word all evening. He/she opens his/her mouth and makes all the appropriate movements therewith that someone truly speaking, singing, sighing, snarling, sobbing, shrieking, sniffing and swearing actually would make. The speech and the sobs and the snarls come from scenes in old movies and television shows, carefully cut out of context and assembled to make an almost non-stop 65 minutes of sounds.

He wears white outfits of calf and ankle length, with hair and lips in contrasting reds. As Bette Davis, Joan Crawford and dozens of unidentifiable women snap some phrase or belt out a song, Lypsinka's lips do likewise, but perhaps with added snap.

I couldn't work out what the point of all the effort was. Okay, so the songs are given an extra spin, and sometimes the facial expressions mock the words being sung. But that's about it for the songs, though the encore treatment of "Tea for Two", blending two or three very different versions, is good fun and pours proper scorn on baking that ridiculous sugar cake "for you to take for all the boys to see".

The collage of telephone calls, one crisp retort after another, is amusing for a while, but does go on. Epperson's memory and timing, exact to a split-second, are astonishing, and he uses no autocue, unlike poor dear Barbra, unable to remember the words of ballads she has sung 10,000 times. But the visual monotony of the show makes even 65 minutes something of a drag.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT: Rattle introduces his protégé

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AT THE age of 18, Daniel Harding — Simon Rattle's conducting protégé — already looks the part. Rattle generously gave him the last word in this concert, and choosing Bartók's *Miraculous Mandarin* suite was no easy option. The music's constant changes of tempo is but one problem. Cajolling any orchestra to play the piece with the gripping sense of tension and drama shown here is another. But the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra responded like women and men possessed, and Harding, though alarmingly slight in stature, had them and us in the palm of his hand.

There is, however, a small note of caution to be sounded. Harding does not exactly model himself on the Fritz Reiner school of efficiency but chooses, a bit like Rattle, the route of maximum exercise. Nothing wrong with that, if the commitment is wholly to projection of the music and not to projection of ego. But just occasionally — when, for example, the baton was dramatically chopped down and across the body with both hands gripping it — a momentary touch of self-awareness threatened to intrude. Who can blame him? This was the CBSO; this was Symphony Hall.

Before this awesome exhibition, Harding's boss — Rattle has appointed him as his assistant — himself tackled some demanding music. To precede Bartók, there was another Austro-Hungarian piece, Haydn's Symphony No 86, in the trio section of whose Minuet Rattle seemed to be determined to teach even the Viennese, to whom the CBSO will be playing the work on their imminent European tour, a thing or two about teasing charm.

A flowingly paced slow movement and both outer movements were charged with details of articulation, contrasts of dynamic were maximised, and due attention was paid to the shape of the line. Rattle's 18th-century spurs have been well won, though it seemed strange to hear modern instruments in the colourful suite from Rameau's opera *Les Boréades* which opened the French half of the concert.

From this music to the elemental majesty of Debussy's *La Mer* was a quantum leap which Rattle negotiated with aplomb, and it was good to hear so much detail in this wonderful score.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Touché — as we say in East Anglia

Some years ago, I talked to a doctor about memory loss: could the fact that I used to remember more telephone numbers than I do now, was able — but can no longer — name the Plymouth Argyle teams since 1938 be the result of natural winding down of a senior brain … or something more serious? I mean, was it the disease whose name steadily escapes me.

Alzheimer's?

Yes, that's the one.

He asked whether I ever went into the kitchen and when I got there, forgot what it was I had gone to do.

Yes.

Well, he said, most of us do that. Nothing the matter with it, a manifestation of temporary forgetfulness. Alzheimer's is when you go to the kitchen, look at a kettle and can't remember what it is for.

The news caused me to cheer up a bit, go to the kitchen, switch on the kettle and then wonder to what use to put the boiling water to make something with which to celebrate that I knew I did not have whatsit.

Last Sunday, I was introduced to Gionayi Szalay … and I thought of the kettle. Szalay is tallish, youngish, thinnish, was dressed in a padded white fencing suit which is wired to a central control; a beekeeper's helmet covers her face and head: a woman, presumably a woman, in a uniform I could not penetrate concealing a name I could not pronounce.

Before I could say "take me to your leader", Szalay was speaking in Hungarian to the folks back home on a Euro link. She might have said I am champion for the third time in four years. Hungarian is not one of my languages.

It happened in Ipswich on Sunday at lunchtime when it would have been my normal custom to weigh up the respective merits of horseradish cream and mustard as accompaniment to roasted sirloin of beef. Instead, I sat among a tight three-figure crowd of competitors, coaches, lovers and friends watching the final of the women's epée championships.

Over the previous days, the 86 contestants had been whittled down to eight and the 20 GBR fencers had been eliminated; our Carol Greenwood did best, but not well enough.

There had been the quarterfinals and the semis during which Katya Nass — the name means wet in German — had fought Hormay of Hungary and fellow countrywoman Funkenhause, despatched them both, was now ready to compete for the Ipswich Cup.

I wanted her to win. I could pronounce her name. Life is hard enough without having to remember Gionayi Szalay.

At the time I usually decide to keep the blackcurrant jelly and cream for supper and eat Mr Green's matured cheddar from Chewton Mendip with walnut bread, battle commenced.

Women's fencing takes place on a piste which is 40 metres long and the wires from the contestants' suits and epées register on the scoreboard first by lighting up the colour of the one who has been hit, then translating it into points.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

If the hits are simultaneous, both colours glow and the president holds up one finger of each outstretched hand — reminiscent of the late King George VI entering into the spirit of singing "*Underneath the spreading chestnut tree*".

The president (referees are known as president, useful fact for general knowledge quizzes) stands in front of the contestants to shout "*allez*": just why the Dutch lady should shout in French to a German fighting a Hungarian in England is not instantly comprehensible, it most probably has to do with tradition.

Until 1893, the epée was a weapon to be reckoned with: a sharp point at the end of a metal lance meant that there was no argument on whether or not a hit had registered — the blood was there for all to see.

Master Baudry invented the *pointe d'arret* in order that the weapon could just pierce the fine cord of the jacket without necessarily impaling a vital organ — considerable sophistication before the invention of the electric epée shortly after the last war.

In olden days, duelling as a spectator sport never caught on — because of the remoteness of the location, unsociability of the hour and briefness of the combat.

Fencing on a Sunday lunchtime on the outskirts of Ipswich does at least go on for a while. The fights last for nine minutes — three by three minute rounds or 15 hits, whichever comes first. If there's a tie, they go on for one minute, whereafter, if scores are still even, the bout goes to the one with the higher international rating: the good old Tory system of giving to those who have.

And where there were seconds and doctors and lawyers and paramedics with leeches, there are now many men and women who are knowledgeable about the rules, expert on the subject of combat and experienced in all precedents. They occupy small tables marked Leon Paul which is to fencing as Slazenger is to tennis. The president would turn to these people in case of dispue.

Fencing is hugely skilful, requiring stamina, balance, the ability to move backwards and sideways as well as to lunge and thrust forward.

Nass attacked. Nass shouted when she scored a hit rather as a stuck pig squeals and Szalay (I practise saying "may I call you Gionayi?"), scored as she defended, hit as she went back from the German's onslaught, took the final 15-10.

It was all over at around the time I usually get mint tea and the rest of my family drink their coffee.

ALBAN DONOHOE



Hormay, of Hungary, attacks from a crouch against Nass, of Germany

Faurie and Virtu in three-day challenge

EMILE Faurie and Virtu, who won individual bronze and team silver medals at the European dressage championships last year, head the entrants for the three-day international dressage meeting at Addington in Buckinghamshire, which begins today (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Representatives of eight nations will compete, including Tineke Bartels, of Holland, a member of the team that won the 1992 Olympic silver medal. The British challengers include Laura Fry, with Quarryman, and Ferdi Eilberg, with Arun Tor. Jennie Loriston-Clarke will compete with Catherston Dazzler and Jane Bredin will ride Cupido.

The meeting, which includes the first leg of the innovative European Castles Classics Cup series, replaces Goodwood on the international calendar. David Hunt, the chairman of the show committee, said yesterday: "Addington is is based on fun and entertainment. We want to shake-up the public's expectations of a dressage show."

Moorer repeats pledge

BOXING: Michael Moorer, the new World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, has reiterated the statement he made on Wednesday that he intends to retire (Srikumar Sen writes). Moorer said the money he had made from boxing this season — about £3 million — was enough. He said he wanted to work for the community in Detroit. John Davimos, his manager, said Moorer was serious about his intention to retire.

After his victory over Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas last Friday, Moorer said he did not know who he wanted to meet next and that he was not interested in unifying the title.

Jones opens in style

REAL TENNIS: Sally Jones, the world champion, won her opening match of the George Wimpey British women's open tournament, defeating the hard-hitting Carolyn Armstrong-Smith in straight sets. Charlotte Cornwallis, a junior hockey international, looked sharp and determined as she put out the former England women's squash captain, Sheila Macintosh, without the loss of a game. Julian Snow and Mike McMurrugh, the holders, are favourites for the George Wimpey British amateur doubles championship, which starts today at Hatfield House.

England suffer setback

SQUASH: England's men's team was held to a draw by Scotland in their opening group match in the European championships in Zoetermeer, Holland, yesterday. With Peter Marshall and Chris Walker declaring themselves unfit, Tony Hands found himself leading the line against the formidable Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, and lost 9-2, 9-2, 9-6. The England captain, Philip Whitlock, went down 10-8, 9-5, 10-8 to Martin Heath, but a share of the spoils was ensured by Jason Nicolle and Stephen Meads, the latter celebrating his first cap by beating David Gordon.

Top three lead field

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, Michael Stich and Stefan Edberg, the world's top three players, head an impressive entry list for the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, London, from June 6 to 12. Goran Ivanisevic, ranked fifth in the world, Todd Martin (ninth) and Boris Becker (twelfth) are also in the 56-strong draw for the singles event which carries £425,000 in prize-money. Jeremy Bates and Mark Petchey, of Britain, gain direct entry giving other British players the chance to pick up the five wild cards for the pre-Wimbledon grass-court tournament.

Maloney cries foul

BOXING: Frank Maloney, the promoter, is to seek a rematch for Mickey Cantwell, the Eltham flyweight, against Luigi Camputaro, of Italy. Maloney said, after Cantwell was narrowly beaten at York Hall, in Bethnal Green on Wednesday: "I am not complaining about the result, but if the referee had warned Camputaro about his low blows it would have helped Cantwell in the middle rounds." However, Cantwell, 30, who is nursing a bruised stomach, said he was not certain about his future. "Even if I had won, I don't know if I would have gone on," he said.

Edwards prepares to add to record collection

Christopher Irvine looks at the success a former prodigy has enjoyed since entering rugby league



Edwards: intense pursuit of success

HE HAS so many that losing one record — that of being the youngest Wembley finalist — will hardly trouble Shaun Edwards tomorrow, particularly as he will be setting yet another with a ninth appearance for Wigan in the rugby league Silk Cut Challenge Cup final.

That is one more than Andy Gregory, his former half back partner at Wigan. The television programme, *A Question of Sport*, could make Edwards' landmarks last an entire programme. Who is the only player to feature in Wigan's seven-year run of 35 Challenge Cup victories? Who has more winner's medals than any other player? Edwards has 30.

By the margin of one day, Francis Cummins (at 17 years and 200 days) will knock a line out of the Edwards record book. Cummins, the Leeds wing, is every bit the prodigy Edwards was in the 1984 final. As an apprentice at Headingley, he cleans the boots. He has the elusive heels and vision of someone a good deal older, which was said of the emergent Edwards.

Should Leeds lose, Cummins could take solace from the fact that Edwards was on the beaten side for the first and last time at Wembley ten years ago. Eight final victories would give Edwards, 27, another individual record.

If they could, Wigan would have snapped up Edwards in the same way as they did a boy of 12 earlier this year. Alex Murphy waited until midnight on his seventeenth birthday. A sum of £35,000 was a world record for a schoolboy. The hype was quickly justified.

"The thing with Shaun is that he never gets tired of success," John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, said. "He is the one the players take their cue from." This intense dedication shows no sign of waning. Edwards might have gone to the Auckland Warriors, but, instead, this week signed up for a further three years at Central Park. "I'm a Wigan lad and never wanted to play for anybody else," he said.

His brilliant support play — the product of years of studying Ellery Hanley, his former team-mate — was mainly responsible for the 43 tries he scored last season, his personal best. There have been fewer this season, but Edwards the all-rounder has been to the fore: his tactical kicking game, creativity at scrum half and defence have all been exceptional.

What Edwards has brought to the game are the discipline and single-minded approach more commonly associated with Australian players a decade ago. On the rare occasions Edwards fails to get it right, Wigan invariably do not either.

Newmarket

Going: good

2.00 (7f) 1, Crazy Paving (K Darley, 12-1); 2, Delta One (6-4 fav), 3, Finger Of Light (11-2). 9 ran. Hd, ½l. C Cyzer. Tote: £12.70; £3.10, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £21.20. CSF: £30.47. 1min 25.04sec.

2.30 (7f) 1, Persian Affair (D Biggs, 12-1); 2, Paonic (14-1); 3, Ballah Shack (11-2 fav); 4, Arama (10-1). 19 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M Bell. Tote: £29.60; £4.80, £3.40, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £207.00. Trio: £647.90. CSF: £156.81. Tricast: £948.12. 1min 24.22sec.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, Wind In Her Hair (R Hills, 9-4 fav: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Wadon (4-1); 3, Munnaya (8-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 2½l. J Hills. Tote: £3.70; £1.50, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £5.40. CSF: £10.67. 2min 02.14sec.

3.40 (1m) see facing page

4.15 (6f) 1, Master Planner (J D Smith, 10-1); 2, Stonthe (6-1); 3, Sasecedo (12-1). Senous 5-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Nagida. ½l, ¾l. C Cyzer. Tote: £13.00; £3.10, £2.10, £7.00. DF: £27.60. Trio: £1,039.90. CSF: £66.90. Tricast: £682.13. 1min 10.85sec.

4.50 (1m) 1, Seismograph (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Dover Straits (3-4 fav); 3, Party Season (11-2). 11 ran. NR: Eotesaad. 1½l, nk. H Ibrahim. Tote: £10.50; £2.20, £1.50, £0.90. DF: £13.40. CSF: £26.13. 1min 37.70sec.

5.20 (7f) 1, Solar Beam (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Rotten Row (33-1); 3, Storm Nymph (4-1). Tahreem 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 2l, 1½l. J Gosden. Tote: £5.80; £2.10, £5.90, £2.00. DF: £286.30. CSF: £101.35. 1min 24.74sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £19,267.85 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £261.60.

Salisbury

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.10 (6f 212yd) 1, Make The Break (D O'Neill, 11-2); 2, Soaking (10-1); 3, Ragazzo (25-1); 4, Top Pet (9-2 fav). 20 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £2.10, £4.10, £1.60. DF: £203.20. Trio: £198.60. CSF: £54.38. Tricast: £1,138.52.

2.40 (1m) 1, Sea Baron (J Quinn, 11-1); 2, Sir Norman Holt (12-1); 3, Misty Silks (11-4 fav); 4, Beverly Knight (16-1). 18 ran. 2½l, hd. M Blanshard. Tote: £11.50; £2.80, £2.00, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £269.10. Trio: £74.00. CSF: £135.82. Tricast: £434.35.

3.10 (1m 6f) 1, Cuff Link (Paul Eddery, 100-30); 2, Blackpatch Hill (9-2); 3, Castle Courageous (11-4 jt-fav). Dover Patrol 11-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. 2½l, 3l. W Hern. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £3.10. DF: £12.40. CSF: £16.64.

3.45 (6f) 1, Slivovitz (Stephen Davies, 33-1); 2, Al Shaati (9-1); 3, Pharaoh's Dancer (10-1); 4, Bayin (11-10 fav). 17 ran. NR: Tomashonko. Sh hd, nk. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £50.70; £6.00, £1.80, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £540.60. Trio: not won (pool of £455.21 carried forward to the 3.05 at Newmarket today). CSF: £273.81. Tricast: £2,857.49.

4.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Wishing (W Newnes, 4-1); 2, Airport (4-11 fav); 3, Shurman (20-1). 5 ran. Hd, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £1.70. CSF: £5.71.

4.55 (6f) 1, Agwa (J Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Jon's Choice (10-1); 3, Noriing (33-1). 11 ran. 3½l, ½l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £3.30, £6.00. DF: £30.20. CSF: £18.51.

5.25 (1m) 1, William Tell (T Sprake, 3-1 fav); 2, Zeetaro (7-1); 3, Pomorie (13-2). 18 ran. 3l, ½l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.10, £3.30. DF: £17.10. CSF: £24.10.

5.55 (1m) 1, Glanmerin (D Holland, 14-1); 2, Desert Conqueror (7-2); 3, Desert Fighter (2-1 fav). 18 ran. ¾l, hd. J Gosden. Tote: £19.90; £4.90, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £61.50. CSF: £65.37.

Placepot: £13.90.

Hamilton Park

Going: soft (good to soft in places)

2.20 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, Aegaen Lady (M Birch, 3-1 fav); 2, Scaraben (8-1); 3, Coureur (11-2). 15 ran. NR: Media Messenger. 1l, ¾l. J Etherington. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.50, £2.70. DF: £20.20. CSF: £23.73.

2.50 (1m 65yd) 1, Spring Loaded (J Fortune, 3-1); 2, Blues Bay (2-1 fav); 3, Anotheronetorjaybe (12-1). 9 ran. ¾l, ¾l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £6.00; £1.10, £1.30, £3.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.21.

3.20 (1m 65yd) 1, Norman Warrior (D R McCabe, 7-1); 2, The Dandy Don (14-1); 3, Deputy Tim (11-2). Beneficiary 7-2 fav. 14 ran. ¾l, 4l. D Morris. Tote: £7.80; £1.60, £5.30, £2.60. DF: £123.60. CSF: £96.64. Tricast: £539.57.

3.55 (6f 5yd) 1, Craigie Boy (S Maloney, 11-2); 2, Mu-Arrik (7-1); 3, Montone (5-4 fav). 11 ran. 2½l, nk. N Bycroft. Tote: £10.00; £3.20, £3.20, £1.10. DF: £39.30. Trio: £55.50. CSF: £43.09. Tricast: £80.10.

4.30 (5f 4yd) 1, Musical Season (J Fortune, 5-2); 2, Al Corniche (6-4 fav); 3, Gospel Song (25-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 4l. T Barron. Tote: £5.20; £2.70, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £6.48.

5.00 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Cutthroat Kid (J Fortune, 5-1); 2, Tanoda (5-2 fav); 3, Bay Tern (7-2). 7 ran. 3l, 3l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £7.50; £4.90, £2.10. DF: £12.40. CSF: £16.25.

Placepot: £37.70.

Wednesday's late results

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

6.35 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Fired Earth (A Maguire, 7-2); 2, Lynch Law (100-30 fav); 3, Chucklestone (9-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 4l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £3.70. Trio: £9.80. CSF: £14.75. Tricast: £96.48.

7.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Gale Again (D Murphy, 6-4 fav); 2, Efast (9-4); 3, Far Senior (10-1). 6 ran. NR: Boscean Chieftain, Nakir. 1¼l, 25l. T Stack. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.70. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.20.

7.45 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Drumstick (N Williamson, 8-1); 2, Snitton Lane (11-4 fav); 3, Space Fair (7-2). 7 ran. 1¼l, 6l. K Bailey. Tote: £11.30; £4.30, £2.00. DF: £34.00. CSF: £27.19.

8.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Browned Off (T Jenks, 3-1); 2, Tenayestelign (20-1); 3, Bertone (4-6 fav). 8 ran. 1¼l, 5l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £22.70. CSF: £48.76. Placepot: £13.00.

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

6.25 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, The Prussian (J Ryan, 20-1); 2, Edithmead (4-5 fav); 3, Mrs Norman (16-1). 19 ran. NR: Buckwheat Bertha, Kilhubber House, St Robert. 5l, 2½l. K Wingrove. Tote: £39.50; £7.60, £1.10, £5.80. DF: £64.30. CSF: £38.44.

7.00 (3m ch) 1, Wild Illusion (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 4-9 fav); 2, Very Cheering (20-1); 3, Sonolagipsy (9-2). 6 ran. NR: On The Other Hand. 7l, 6l. Miss J Pidgeon. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £4.10. DF: £6.60. CSF: £9.46.

7.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Pinisi (B Dalton, 13-2); 2, Sing The Blues (8-1); 3, Menabouthehouse (4-1). Bustinello 5-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Selbah. 3½l, 3l. J Wharton. Tote: £7.20; £1.80, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £18.10. CSF: £50.93.

8.00 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Strong John (M Hourigan, 8-1); 2, Crews Castle (11-2); 3, Flamewood (5-4 fav). 10 ran. NR: Welsh Lustre. 8l, 1½l. G Hubbard. Tote: £7.70; £2.10, £2.40, £1.30. DF: £6.20. CSF: £48.82.

Placepot: £189.40.

THUNDERER

2.25 Al Hashimi. 2.55 Toomuch Toosoon. 3.30 Lake Teereen. 4.05 Teen Jay. 4.40 Bold Street Blues. 5.10 Prerogative.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.25 ALLIANCE AND LEICESTER BUILING SOCIETY HANDICAP CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,801: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 6313 AL HASHIMI 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-12-0 — G Wheeler (7)
2 -3P3 WINGSPAN 48 (CD,F,G,S) M Sanders 10-11-13 — M Rimell (7)
3 -PPP GREENHEART 42 (D,F,G) R Townsend 11-11-13 — P Bull (7)
4 P10U TINAS LAD 8 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 11-11-3 — G Hogan (7)
5 1220 GALAGAMES 7 (BF,D,G,S) R Buckler 7-10-11 — G Baines (7)
6 0432 MURPHY 7 (BF,CD,F,G) S Sherwood 10-10-11 — J Durkan
7 1445 COTAPAXI 41 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 9-10-4 — Miss S Mitchell (7)
8 3051 FANATICAL 7 (B,D,F,S) R Baker 8-10-0 (7ex) — B Pollock (7)
9 OPP- PANTECHNICON 9P (CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 14-10-0 — D Puddy (7)

3-1 Murphy, 4-1 Fanatical, 9-2 Al Hashimi, 5-1 Galagames, 7-1 Tinas Lad, 8-1 Cotapaxi, 10-1 Wingspan, 16-1 Pantechnicon, 25-1 Greenheart.

2.55 BODDINGTONS BITTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,901: 2m 1f) (7)

1 F462 CYRILL HENRY 46 (D,F,G) P Wintworth 5-11-10 — C Burnett-Wells
2 PP26 TOOMUCH TOOSOON 10 Miss J Doyle 6-11-6 — S Curran
3 54P0 COOCHIE 7 (B,D,F) R Baker 5-11-3 — D Matthews
4 0FP5 VALIANTHE 32 (B) M Pipe 6-11-1 — L Reynolds (3)
5 5401 DANCING DANCER 7 (B,F) R Frost 5-11-1 (7ex) — R Darke
6 0-0P ALMOST A PRINCESS 143 L Snook 6-10-10 — P Carey
7 55UP IMAGERY 71 R Baker 4-10-5 — Pat Thompson (3)

2-1 Dancing Dancer, 3-1 Valianthe, 7-2 Toomuch Toosoon, 4-1 Cyrill Henry, 12-1 Coochie, 25-1 Almost A Princess, 33-1 Imagery.

3.30 STELLA ARTOIS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,156: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 2123 LAKE TEEREEN 41 (F,G,S) R Rowe 9-11-10 — T Grantham
2 2211 SKIPPING TIM 216 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 15-11-7 — R Dunwoody
3 2P2P BONSAI BUD 22 (B,D,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 11-11-5 — D Gallagher
4 -P32 SKERRY MEADOW 9 (CD,F,G) D Carter 10-10-0 — Mr G Hogan (7)
5 6U0U SKETCHER 9 (G,S) D Barons 11-10-0 — R Greene

11-10 Skipping Tim, 7-4 Lake Teereen, 6-1 Bonsai Bud, 10-1 Skerry Meadow, 20-1 Sketcher.

4.05 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,037: 2m 1f) (12)

1 2261 TEEN JAY 13 (V,G,S) S Sherwood 4-11-8 — J Osborne
2 2253 MERLINS WISH 25 (CD,F) M Pipe 5-11-7 — R Dunwoody
3 /46 COURTING NEWMARKET 25 Mrs A Knight 6-11-0 — S Burrough
4 GATHERING 231F M Bradstock 5-11-0 — G Bradley
5 06-0 GREEN'S STUBBS 41F (B) A Barrow 7-11-0 — B Powell
6 0P MARYLAND BOY 27 (B) M Keenor 6-11-0 — J Railton
7 MR SUNNYSIDE 391P (G) R Frost 6-11-8 — J Frost
8 4040 VITAL WONDER 14 D Elsworth 6-11-0 — P Holley
9 R ALFA VITA 25 P Rodford 8-10-9 — I Shoemark
10 06 FRIENDLY VIKING 37 B Young 4-10-9 — Miss S Young
11 00 BOOLAVOGUE 16 O O'Neill 4-10-4 — V Slattery
12 R4 GYPSY CRYSTAL 17 P Rodford 4-10-4 — W Irvine

13-8 Merlins Wish, 7-4 Teen Jay, 7-1 Vital Wonder, 10-1 Courting Newmarket, 12-1 Mr Sunnyside, 25-1 others

4.40 NEWQUAY STEAM BEER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,983: 2m 5f) (12)

1 P122 CROSULA 9 (BF,CD,S) M Pipe 6-11-9 — R Dunwoody
2 -21P SLIEVENAMON MIST 60 (BF,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-9 — D Gallagher
3 4444 BOLD STREET BLUES 32 J Bennett 7-11-4 — L Harvey
4 -356 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 23 O O'Neill 6-11-4 — V Slattery
5 00-0 FORCE 16 Mrs P Joynes 7-11-4 — Mr S Joynes (7)
6 5-0P GARSTON LA GAFFE 25 (F) M Bradstock 9-11-4 — G Bradley
7 0004 GRECIAN SAILOR 27 R Frost 9-11-4 — J Frost
8 -0P6 SHOCK TACTICS 42 B De Haan 7-11-4 — S McNeill
9 F4/F TULICA 155 (F,S) W Reed 15-11-4 — Mr N Moore (7)
10 P/04 ABSENT MINDS 44 B Young 8-10-13 — Miss S Young
11 0004 QUAGO 35 R Buckler 6-10-13 — B Powell
12 4540 LAND OF THE FREE 9 (F,S) R Baker 5-10-6 — J Osborne

6-4 Crosula, 3-1 Bold Street Blues, 8-1 Quago, 10-1 Carlingford Lights, Grecian Sailor, Slievenamon Mist, 14-1 Land of The Free, 20-1 others.

5.10 HEINEKEN DRAUGHT LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,243: 2m 1f) (6)

1 11P1 PREROGATIVE 17 (V,S) M Pipe 4-11-10 — R Dunwoody
2 5550 CORRIN HILL 7 (D,S) R Hodges 7-11-2 — A Tory
3 10/0 DARK DESIRE 42 (G,S) C Brooks 6-11-0 — S McNeill
4 0-26 HEAD TURNER 32 (BF,D,G) C Wildman 6-10-0 — P Holley
5 155- VISION OF FREEDOM 344 (D,G) W Reed 6-10-0 — W McFarland
6 3351 CHARCOAL BURNER 27 (CD,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-0 — S Fox (5)

1-3 Prerogative, 8-1 Charcoal Burner, 10-1 Corrin Hill, Dark Desire, 12-1 Head Turner, 16-1 Vision Of Freedom

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53.8%; M Pipe, 109 from 354, 30.8%; C Brooks, 9 from 30, 30.0%; J Edwards, 10 from 36, 27.8%, K Bailey, 9 from 36, 25.0%, O Carter, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: S Curran, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; G Bradley, 11 from 38, 28.9%; J Osborne, 11 from 43, 25.6%; R Dunwoody, 29 from 119, 24.4%; J Railton, 4 from 23, 17.4%; D Gallagher, 6 from 44, 13.6%.

THUNDERER

5.30 Boreen Jean. 6.00 Imperial Bid. 6.30 Morgans Harbour. 7.00 Bonanza. 7.30 Ifallelsefails. 8.00 Integrity Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

5.30 CAMPBELLS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,184: 2m 5f 110yd) (20 runners)

1 85-4 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 25 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-11-10 — Mr R Armson
2 3612 HUNMANBY GAP 167 (CD,G) P Beaumont 9-11-7 — C Hawkins
3 0-04 SUCKRA MELLISUGA 8 (F,S) J Hellens 10-11-7 — A Maguire
4 003F BOREEN JEAN 9 (B,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 10-11-5 — P Niven
5 0000 MANGROVE MIST 8 (F,G) P Monteith 5-11-3 — A Dobbin
6 2441 HOT PUNCH 17 (CD,S) H Alexander 5-11-2 — P Waggott (5)
7 P150 ERBIL 105 (BF,F) L Lungo 4-11-0 — F Perratt (5)
8 6060 GOLDEN REVERIE 14 (G) B Mactaggart 6-10-9 — L Wyer
9 P600 THE HIDDEN CITY 6 (G) C Tristline 8-10-5 — Peter Caldwell
10 P022 RYTHMIC RYMER 17 J Jefferson 4-10-1 — G Tormey (7)
11 /0-0 FIRE 'N' FURY 87 (S) W Storey 8-10-0 — K Johnson
12 0PP0 TAP DANCING 9 (C,G) J Allen 8-10-0 — Ann Stokell
13 5P60 SINGING SAM 25 (B,G) W Cunningham 9-10-0 — N Smith
14 PU00 GYMCRAK CYRANO 97 Miss L Plater 5-10-0 — N Bentley
15 62P5 BOXING MATCH 9 (D,G) J Bradley 7-10-0 — N Williamson
16 6635 ELVETT BRIDGE 4 V Thompson 6-10-0 — B Storey
17 3640 BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 9 (F,G,S) J Bradley 8-10-0 — W Marston
18 P-00 SULAAH ROSE 27 Mrs J Jordan 5-10-0 — D Morris
19 /P00 FINDOGLEN 9 D Alder 8-10-0 — A Larnach (3)
20 00P0 YACHT CLUB 18 (F) J Eyre 12-10-0 — O Pears

3-1 Hunmanby Gap, 4-1 Hot Punch, Rythmic Rymer, 7-1 Boxing Match, 8-1 others.

6.00 PEPSI MAX CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,969: 2m 1f 110yd) (16)

1 2105 IMPERIAL BID 11F (G) Denys Smith 6-11-7 — P Waggott
2 0PU AFRICAN GOLD 8 L Lungo 6-11-0 — F Perratt
3 50-0 ALEX THUSCOMBE 38 Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-0 — R Moore (5)
4 ARRTAM T Carr 5-11-0 — S Mason
5 6P CAMPTOSAURUS 27 J Johnson 5-11-0 — D Waters (7)
6 5056 DE JORDAAN 133 W Cunningham 7-11-0 — W Fry
7 5FF KERNEL GRAIN 15 D Moffatt 5-11-0 — M Molloy (3)
8 5850 PHILDAN 24 D Moffatt 5-11-0 — D J Moffatt
9 PP THINK PINK 27 P Beaumont 7-11-0 — B Grattan (7)
10 4500 ON GOLDEN POND 17 (B,CD,G) G Moore 4-10-10 — N Bentley
11 P0PP CHORUS LINE 24 (B) P Beaumont 5-10-9 — K Davies (5)
12 0/P0 FEELING FRAYL 17 T Carr 7-10-9 — M Clarke (5)
13 000 HUTCEL BRIG 6 M W Easterby 5-10-9 — J Driscoll (3)
14 042- MARYDA 310 J Johnson 5-10-9 — S Lyons
15 263 SKIDDAW SAMBA 45 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-8 — G Lee (5)
16 0 HARRY'S MIDGET 43 Mrs A Hamilton 4-10-3 — J Supple

3-1 Imperial Bid, 4-1 Maryda, 8-1 Phildan, Skiddaw Samba, 12-1 others.

6.30 GUINNESS NOVICES CHASE
(£2,245: 3m 3f) (9)

1 1211 MORGANS HARBOUR 17 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 — P Niven
2 1221 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 7 (F,G,S) K Bailey 7-12-0 — N Williamson
3 0-40 FRIENDLY SOCIETY 18 R Lamb 8-11-4 — A Merrigan
4 PP JUNIOR ROGERS 16 P Dalton 6-11-4 — D Winter (7)
5 0RU LORD BERTRAM 18 J Hellens 6-11-4 — K Jones
6 5/PP MASTER MATHEW 13 (F,S) W Reed 7-11-4 — B Storey
7 PU ROYLE BURCHLIN 8 (V,S) D Moffatt 8-11-4 — D J Moffatt (3)
8 45-4 UPWELL 13P (F) R Johnson 10-11-4 — Mr P Johnson
9 0310 LADY BE BRAVE 27 (V,F) W Storey 11-10-13 — K Johnson

4-5 Morgans Harbour, 6-4 Unholy Alliance, 14-1 Upwell, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Lee, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 65 from 207, 31.4%; M H Easterby, 25 from 90, 27.8%; L Lungo, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J Hellens, 12 from 55, 21.8%; G Moore, 30 from 146, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 59 winners from 212 rides, 27.8%; L Wyer, 28 from 118, 23.7%; R Hodge, 12 from 57, 21.1%; A Maguire, 8 from 43, 18.6%; A Larnach, 11 from 64, 17.2%; Mr N Wilson, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

7.00 CASTLE EDEN ALE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,924: 2m 5f) (7)

1 3240 BONANZA 24 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 — R Hodge
2 P141 COMEDY ROAD 6 (CD,F,G) R Lee 10-11-4 (6ex) — A Maguire
3 2221 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 17 (C,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-10-11 — P Niven
4 2442 MARLINGFORD 130 (G,S) Mrs J Jordan 7-10-9 — D Morris
5 P11- ANTHONY BELL 335 (C,F,G) T Carr 8-10-6 — B Storey
6 0-64 WAIT YOU THERE 24 (C,F,G,S) H Alexander 9-10-3 — P Waggott (5)
7 6820 SPEECH 130 (C,D,F) Miss J Rae 11-10-0 — A Merrigan

7-4 Explosive Speed, 5-2 Comedy Road, 5-1 Bonanza, 8-1 Marlingford, Anthony Bell, 10-1 Wait You There, 25-1 Speech.

7.30 WOODPECKER CIDER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,830: 3m 3f 110yd) (7) SKY

1 2120 CARSON CITY 27 (BF,CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-7 — P Niven
2 5613 IFALLELSEFAILS 3 (F) L Lungo 6-11-7 — F Perratt (5)
3 145F WHITE DIAMOND 4 (BF,F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-7 — Mr N Wilson
4 2616 FORTUNE'S GIRL 21F (BF,G) M Hammond 6-11-2 — A Maguire
5 500- CIRCLE BOY 366 R Lamb 7-11-0 — A Merrigan
6 111F DEVONGALE 25 (BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-11-0 — L Wyer
7 2332 RUSSIAN CASTLE 34 J Wade 5-11-0 — K Jones

7-4 Fortune's Girl, 3-1 Carson City, 4-1 White Diamond, 6-1 Ifallelsefails, 7-1 Devongale, 8-1 Russian Castle, 25-1 Circle Boy.

8.00 WHITBREAD BEST SCOTCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,700: 2m 5f 110yd) (16) SKY

1 -P6P KNIGHTS 55 (CD,F,G) C Broad 8-11-10 — Jacqui Oliver
2 423F NOTABLE EXCEPTION 14 (C,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-7 — S Mason (5)
3 5F00 MIAMI BEAR 17 (G) R Fahey 8-11-2 — N Williamson
4 3121 TUSKY 13 (G) G Moore 6-11-2 — N Bentley
5 23FP MISTIC GLEN 24 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 5-11-0 — A Maguire
6 602U KIR 34 (B,F,G) V Thompson 6-10-11 — B Storey
7 2320 ALI'S ALIBI 17 (CD,BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-11 — P Niven
8 FP54 SHELTON ABBEY 6 (C,F,G,S) J Wade 8-10-10 — K Jones
9 530P INTEGRITY BOY 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) R O'Leary 7-10-9 — J Callaghan
10 3601 MOUNTSHANNON 7 (D,F,G) C Tristline 8-10-6 (7ex) — Peter Caldwell
11 11P3 BENTLEY MANOR 42 (D,G,S) K Bridgwater 5-10-5 — W Marston
12 500P SEXY MOVER 27 (G,S) W Storey 7-10-5 — K Johnson
13 012P CURTAIN FACTORY 25 (D,BF,G,S) M H Easterby 5-10-4 — L Wyer
14 -054 ELGIN 62 (S) P Monteith 5-10-3 — A Dobbin
15 5P54 FLASS VALE 17 (V,C,F) C Fairhurst 6-10-2 — C Hawkins
16 0045 REXY BOY 21F (S) W Barker 7-10-0 — G Harker

4-1 Mountshannon, 6-1 Tusky, 7-1 Notable Exception, 10-1 Elgin, Bentley Manor, Knights, 12-1 Integrity Boy, 14-1 others.

Swan has first on Glenstal Flagship

CHARLIE Swan registered his sole success at the Punchestown Festival yesterday when Glenstal Flagship captured the Murphys Irish Stout Champion Hurdle. Swan got the better of Richard Dunwoody's mount, Magic Feeling, in the £50,000 event.

Glenstal Flagship, improving on his performance in the Triumph Hurdle when he finished sixth to Mysilv, is a half-brother to David Nicholson's two-mile champion chaser Viking Flagship and is certainly a young horse to follow.

Ultra Flutter completed a treble for the festival's leading rider, Kevin O'Brien, when slipping the field four out in the Davenport Handicap Hurdle.

The British raiders had a generally disappointing day, the Charlie Brooks-trained All Jeff fading badly in the closing stages of the Marathon La Touche Cup, while Moorish returned extremely lame after failing to figure behind Glenstal Flagship.

Thumbs Up, from the Nicky Henderson stable, was installed favourite for the Bank of Ireland Novice Chase but produced very little under Richard Dunwoody when challenged. Victory went to the 20-1 chance Oh So Grumpy, a spare ride for Jamie Osborne.

Hern opens account with Salisbury win

DICK Hern saddled his first winner of the season when Cuff Link stayed on for a game success in the Douglas Rated Stakes at Salisbury yesterday.

The gelding, who was winning for the first time in eight attempts, was sent to the front at the furlong pole by Paul Eddery, and held off the challenge of Blackpatch Hill by 2½ lengths.

"He's finally got there as he's been second on his last three outings. On that run he'll stay two miles, and that's where his future lies," Hern's assistant, Marcus Tregoning, said.

Lambourn trainer Michael Blanshard was another to get off the mark for the season, when Sea Baron won the Lauderdale Handicap. Ridden by Jimmy Quinn, who has his first classic ride aboard Indhar in tomorrow's 2,000 Guineas, the winner quickened clear of Sir Norman Holt for a 2½-length success.

Faurie and Virtu in three-day challenge

Moorer repeats pledge

Jones opens in style

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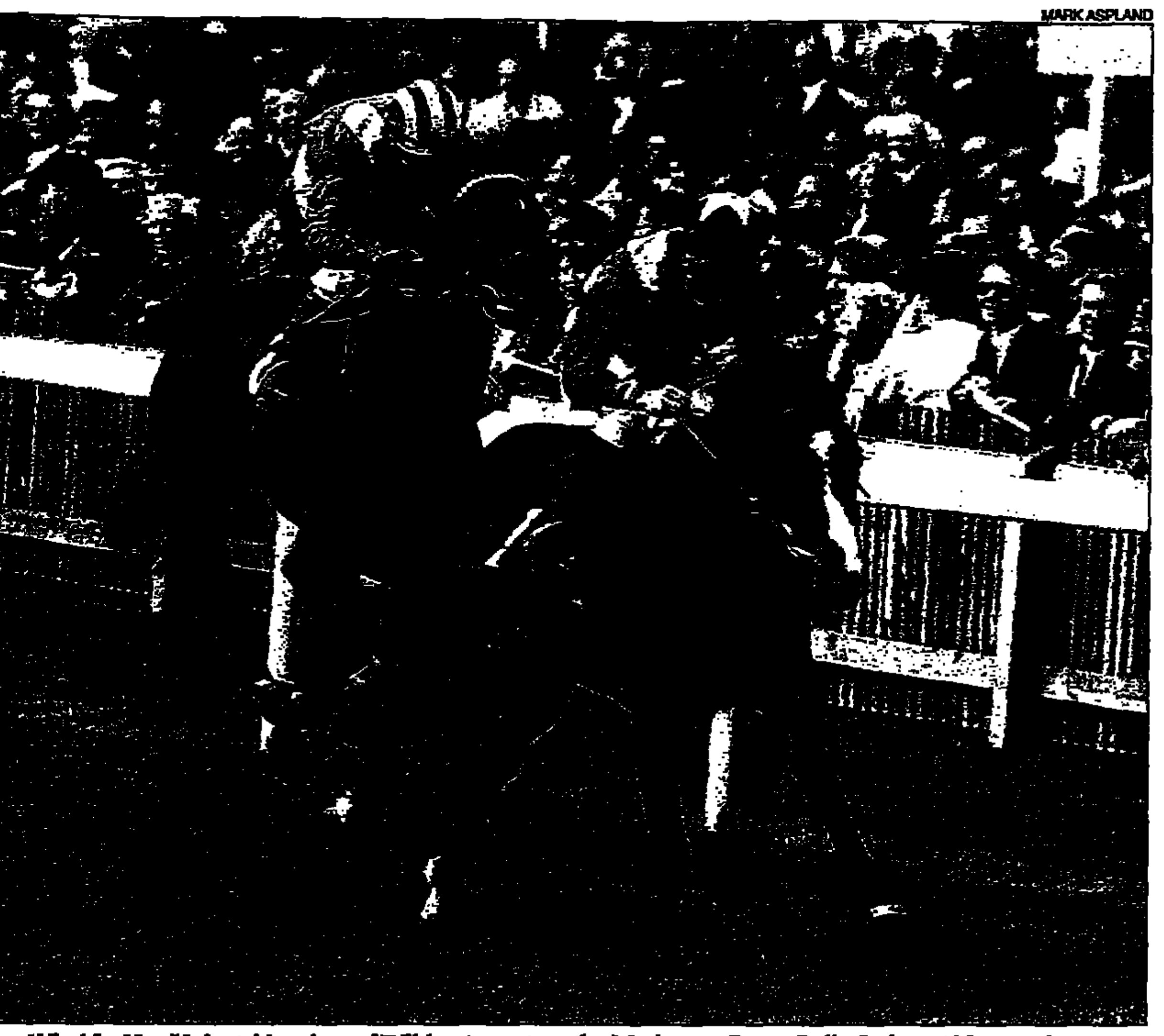
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Stack celebrates with Las Meninas

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent



MARK ASPLAND

Wind In Her Hair strides clear of Wijdan to capture the Madagans Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket

TOMMY Stack broke down in tears at Newmarket yesterday after a three-way photo finish required to decide the outcome of the Madagans 1,000 Guineas gave the result to Las Meninas, his first runner in an English classic.

The Co Tipperary trainer, who as a jockey rode Red Rum to his final Grand National success in 1977, was emotionally shattered as the judge announced the outcome of his deliberations which lasted more than quarter of an hour and required an extra print of the desperately close finish.

Las Meninas, named after a famous painting of three young girls by the Spanish master Velasquez, was adjudged to have finished a short head in front of Balanchine, with Coup De Genie a neck away in third.

With tears rolling down his cheeks, Stack said: "I just want to thank everybody. I suppose I should not be like this, but I was the same at Liverpool after winning on Red Rum. It is the same sort of day."

Among those at the forefront of his thoughts as he savoured his biggest training triumph was Vincent O'Brien, his boyhood hero, and his valued team at Ballydoyle.

Stack has always thought the world of the filly, owned and bred by Robert Sangster, but in order to gain an objective view of the filly's abilities he asked two of O'Brien's most trusted work riders, Tommy Murphy and Johnny Brabazon, to test out his pride and joy on the home gallops.

He also sought the advice of Gerry Gallagher, O'Brien's travelling head lad, as to whether he should box Las Meninas on the short journey from her temporary stable in Newmarket or walk her across the course.

Even the advice to his jockey, John Reid, had a O'Brien ring to it. "I remembered Vincent's instructions to Pat Eddery before he rode El Gran Senor in the 2,000 Guineas, which was the longer you wait the further you will win. I told John to do the same thing. Maybe we did not have quite the same class of animal, but I said let's carry it out in the same way."

In the end Reid had little choice. Dodgems cars at fun fairs have had clearer runs than that enjoyed by the Irish jockey. Trapped on the stands rails from his No 1 stall, Reid edged out into the middle of the pack but then had to sit and suffer as he was constantly denied the opportunity to make a run.

With Mehthaaf, the 2-1 favourite, assuming the lead from Dance To The Top two furlongs out, Reid finally squeezed Las Meninas past Fairy Heights and was joined on the wide outside by Coup De Genie. Along with Balanchine, the trio fought out the tightest of finishes with Balanchine fighting back inside the final 50 yards to almost force a dead-heat. The winning time of 1min 36.71sec was the fastest recorded since the War.

Reid, enjoying his third English classic success, said: "Ten days ago, I was offered the ride on Balanchine. I didn't know what to do but was swayed by how close Las Meninas got to Turtle Island in the Heinz 57 Stakes."

The outcome represented a truly international conclusion to a thrilling fillies' classic as the winner is trained in Ireland, the runner-up was flown in from Dubai on Monday and the third horse is based in Chantilly.

But no-one had more reason to be happier than Sangster, who bred and sold Balanchine to Shaikh Mohammed last summer for a reported $1 million. "I am delighted. In a way I would have been happier with a dead-heat having bred the first two home."

3.40 MADAGANS 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £112,705: 1m)
LAS MENINAS b f Glenstal — Spanish Habit (R Sangster) 9-0 J Reid (12-1) 1.
Balanchine ch f Storm Bird — Morning Devotion (Maktoum Al Maktoum) 9-0 L *Dettori (20-1)* 2.
Coup De Genie b f Mr Prospector — Coup De Folie (S Niarchos) 9-0 C Asmussen (6-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Mehthaaf (4th), 6 Prophecy, 9 *Fairy Heights*, 11 Relatively Special (6th), 20 Dance To The Top, Mytilene, 25 Lady Fairfax, Velvet Moon (5th), 33 Irish Forever, 100 Randonneur, Red Rita, Threatening. 15 ran. NR: Bulaxie, Rohita. Sh hd, nk, 2½l, nk, ½l. T Stack in Ireland. Tote: £15.10; £3.10, £4.20, £2.80. DF: £98.40. Trio: £193.40. CSF: £191.70. 1min 36.71sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Nap: APPLE TREE
(3.40 Newmarket)
Next best: Alriffa
(2.35 Newmarket)

Shaikh's vision narrowly foiled by old adversary

By Julian Muscat

AS BALANCHINE struck for home in the 1,000 Guineas, Las Meninas struggled hard to break the shackles of imprisonment. It was an accurate reflection of the fortunes, ten years ago, of their respective owners. The Maktoum family's Balanchine was out in the clear; Robert Sangster's Las Meninas was seemingly slipping from grace with every stride.

But when these two gladiators of the Turf declared a truce in the world's auction ring — where between them, they drove the value of thoroughbreds to scarcely believable heights — so Sangster's fortunes took a distinct turn for the better.

It was fitting, therefore, that Las Meninas emerged from Balanchine's shadow to retrieve the deficit by a short head. That almost imperceptible margin accurately summarizes the differences between Sangster and the Maktoums. For they have become allies: regular traders with each other in the commodity of horseflesh.

One could only wonder what passed through Sangster's mind as he waited a full 17 minutes for the outcome of the photograph. He cast an anxious eye across at Balanchine, the filly he sold to Shaikh Mohammed Al Maktoum only six months ago. Sangster has had to contend with much since the Maktoums emerged from the Gulf state of Dubai and swamped him with their petro-dollars. But never before had he been made to contemplate defeat by a horse trained in their desert territory.

With the result still in the balance, Sangster said: "I'm delighted Balanchine has run so well for them. It's a terrific gamble to do what Shaikh Mohammed has done in Dubai — and you saw the result for yourselves." The Shaikh likes taking gambles. He has spent lavishly to establish racing in his native land.

His vision in establishing Dubai as a centre from which to challenge for the world's big races has proved inspired. "It is good enough for me to be in the photo finish," he said. "I think the weather at home has helped the horses. We'll try to take some horses there every winter. It's good fun, isn't it?"

The merit of the enterprise was confirmed an hour later when Seismograph, trained, like Balanchine, by Hilal Ibrahim, ran away with the Madagans Company Services Maiden Stakes over a mile.

The Shaikh's immediate thoughts illustrated his scant regard for the theorists, which have become such an unwelcome feature of the sport. "When we looked at buying this horse, the report came back saying everything was wrong with him. So I said to my people: 'Buy him'." He could not help but chuckle at the memory.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.00 Captain Jack. 2.35 CONCORDIAL (nap). 3.05 Arz. 3.40 Apple Tree. 4.15 Kerkura. 4.50 Ritzibelle. 5.20 Tom Morgan.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Blockade. 2.35 DARNAY (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 CONCORDIAL.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 LUCINDA STOPFORD SACKVILLE LADIES HANDICAP
(£5,127: 7f) (20 runners)

101 (6) 251410- PRINCELY FAVOUR 197 (D,F,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 4-11-7 ... Mrs D McHale (5) 87
102 (2) 0000-60 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 11 (F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 4-11-4 ... Miss K Hannon (5) 90
103 (3) 01802- FULL FEATHER 214 (D,F) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 4-11-2 ... Mrs M Cowdrey 84
104 (12) 020/ CAPTAIN JACK 562 (Lord Carnarvon) L Cumani 4-10-13 ... Mrs S Cumani —
105 (5) 200-316 KNOBBLEENEEZE 14 (V,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 4-10-13 ... Miss J Winter 91
106 (9) 02-1051 MAHOOL 13 (D,F,G) (A Scott) A Scott 5-10-13 ... Miss T Bracegirdle (5) [illegible]
107 (18) 200600- BLOCKADE 195 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 5-10-9 ... Miss C Preston (5) 96
108 (4) 00010-0 RISE UP SINGING 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Musson 6-10-9 ... Mrs J Musson (5) 99
109 (14) 64/360-0 LATIN LEADER 11 (F) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 4-10-8 ... Miss V Snowdon (5) 87
110 (17) 0250- RORY 196 (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 3-10-4 ... Mrs J Crossley 87
111 (20) 00-6023 BOLD HABIT 43 (D,BF,F,G) (M Bader) J Pearce 9-10-3 ... Mrs L Pearce 92
112 (1) 644-324 PUSEY STREET BOY 94 (D,F,G,S) (C Marks) J Bosley 7-10-0 ... Mrs S Bosley (5) 90
113 (16) 335144 MAID WELCOME 6 (V,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-12 ... Miss A Sanders (5) 93
114 (19) 000-100 ANNIVERSAIRE 60 (D,G) (Mrs F Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-9 ... Miss D J Jones (5) 97
115 (10) 51502-3 TYRONE FLYER 16 (D,G) (J Naughton) D Thom 5-9-7 ... Miss Diana Jones 98
116 (13) 243020 ARAWA 14 (M Tomer) D Marks 4-9-4 ... Miss K Marks 97
117 (11) 500-200 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 11 (V,D,F) (J Graves Ltd) C Smith 4-9-0 ... Mrs D Smith (5) 85
118 (7) 055000- TRIBAT 217 (D & L Racing) D Morris 4-9-0 ... Mrs L Morris (5) 81
119 (8) 05360-2 FLYING WIND 34 (K Higson) G L Moore 5-9-0 ... Mrs J Moore (5) 91
120 (15) 006000 KISSAVOS 35 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Bader) C C Elsey 8-9-0 ... Miss A Elsey (5) 89

Long handicap: Workingforpeanuts 8-12, Tribat 8-11, Flying Wind 8-8, Kissavos 8-6.

BETTING: 6-1 Mahool, 7-1 Knobbleeneeze, 8-1 Bold Habit, Full Feather, 10-1 Captain Jack, Maid Welcome, Tyrone Flyer, 12-1 others.

1993: RISE UP SINGING 5-9-10 Mrs J Musson (10-1) W Musson 27 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCELY FAVOUR beat Able Choice 3l in 5-runner rated stakes at Sandown (7f, soft) on penultimate start. KNOBBLEENEEZE beat Mr Nevermind 1¾l in 12-runner apprentices' handicap at Brighton (1m, good to soft). MAHOOL beat Silky Siren 6l in 11-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). RISE UP SINGING best effort last season beat Euro Festival 2l in 28-runner handicap over course and distance (good). RORY best effort last season 2½l 2nd of 20 to Mytilene in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). PUSEY STREET BOY 8l 4th of 16 to Apollo Red in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f), with ARAWA (10lb better off) 4l 7th and ANNIVERSAIRE (15lb better off) 12l 14th. MAID WELCOME best recent effort beat Medland 3l in 11-runner amateur riders' handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m), with BOLD HABIT (1lb worse off) ½l 3rd. TYRONE FLYER 4½l 3rd of 9 to Nordoora in apprentices' rated stakes at Pontefract (5f, good). FLYING WIND 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Medland in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m).
Selection: TYRONE FLYER

2.35 MADAGANS NEWMARKET STAKES — C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O colts: £13,836: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

201 (4) 21 ALRIFFA 9 (D,S) (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-8 ... J Reid 93
202 (1) 112-2 CONCORDIAL 27 (C,BF,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-8 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
203 (2) 1- DARNAY 211 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8 ... L Dettori 96
204 (3) 210- FLORID 216 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-8 ... W Ryan 82
205 (6) 1- IONIO 280 (G) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-8 ... M Roberts 76
206 (5) 21- SHEPTON MALLET 231 (S) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 8-8 ... R Cochrane 95

BETTING: 7-4 Darnay, 3-1 Concordial, 7-2 Alriffa, 6-1 Shepton Mallet, 8-1 Florid, 10-1 Ionio.

1993: TENBY 9-4 Pat Eddery (6-5 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALRIFFA beat Amenchio 3½l in 17-runner maiden at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft). CONCORDIAL 2l 2nd of 7 to Ultimo Imperatore in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to soft). Previously ½l 2nd of 9 to Mister Baileys in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft), with FLORID (same terms) 11½l 7th. DARNAY beat River Deep head in 28-runner maiden here (7f, good). FLORID beat Daroene 5l in 7-maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft). IONIO beat Southern Power 2l in 5-runner maiden at Ascot (7f, good). SHEPTON MALLET beat Dover Straits short-head in 11-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m, soft).
Selection: CONCORDIAL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre (Fr)	7	20	35.0	Pat Eddery	90	454	19.8
T Mills	3	13	23.1	W R Swinburn	62	358	17.3
R Charlton	14	67	20.9	W Carson	68	474	14.3
H Cecil	55	277	19.9	M Roberts	63	464	13.6
J Gosden	47	262	17.9	L Dettori	56	433	12.9
M Stoute	43	250	17.2	M Hills	29	236	12.3

3.05 TORCH MOTOR POLICIES AT LLOYDS HANDICAP — C4
(3-Y-O: £6,368: 1m) (18 runners)

301 (12) 880143- ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 212 (F) (The Bloodstock Brothers) P Harris 9-7 ... W Ryan 80
302 (10) 5210- FAWRAN 196 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-7 ... L Dettori 84
303 (4) 24521-0 SOUTHERN POWER 17 (G) (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 80
304 (1) 022- WEST BUOYANT 216 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 8-13 ... W Carson 84
305 (6) 02451- BLAIR CASTLE 242 (D,F) (Highflyers) I Balding 8-12 ... R Cochrane 90
306 (5) 045- TONDRES 272 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-11 ... M Roberts 80
307 (17) 202301- ARZ 221 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 85
308 (11) 2140-2 ARNDILLY 8 (G) (Olympic Racing) C Egerton 8-10 ... T Quinn 93
309 (16) 0310- SPARKLING LYRIC 188 (S) (N Yong) M Jarvis 8-9 ... W Woods 83
310 (9) 3452-3 THREE IN ONE 27 (W Scott) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 95
311 (7) 018- MIDNIGHT LEGEND 190 (D,F) (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 8-7 ... J Reid 88
312 (18) 10243-0 LEAP OF FAITH 17 (V,G) (J Purcell) Miss G Kelleway 8-4 ... A Munro 83
313 (14) 183833- DANCING LAWYER 183 (G) (Vintage Services Ltd) B Meehan 8-3 ... B Doyle (3) 87
314 (2) 06-0 SWINGING SIXTIES 15 (K Higson) G L Moore 8-0 ... Paul Eddery 80
315 (3) 33204-1 DEVOTEE 13 (G) (Bloomsbury Stud) P Walwyn 7-10 ... N Carlisle [illegible]
316 (13) 336044 MR DEVIOUS 11 (B,G) (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 7-9 ... D Wright (5) 93
317 (8) 065-0 PILIB 17 (P Cunningham) J Pearce 7-7 ... G Bardwell 97
318 (15) 0-05101 GREENBACK 21 (D,G) (Mrs V Vilain) S Williams 7-7 ... A Mackay 96

Long handicap: Greenback 7-6.

BETTING: 13-2 Arndilly, 7-1 Devotee, Fawran, 8-1 Midnight Legend, Three In One, 10-1 Southern Power, 12-1 Arz, Pilib, West Buoyant, 14-1 Blair Castle, 16-1 Greenback, 20-1 others.

1993: SHAMAM 8-10 W Carson (7-1) P Walwyn 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 7l 4th of 6 to Carmot in conditions race on the July course (7f, good), with TONDRES (6lb better off) 5l 5th. FAWRAN beat Hazell Street 3½l in 13-runner maiden at Brighton (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SOUTHERN POWER beat Badoon Basoom 4l in 6-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, good) on penultimate start. BLAIR CASTLE beat Harding 2l in 4-runner maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm). ARZ beat Secret Serenade 1½l in 13-runner nursery at Pontefract (1m, good). ARNDILLY 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Governor George in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to soft). THREE IN ONE 6l 3rd of 17 to Kerrie-Jo in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to soft), with GREENBACK (3lb better off) 12l 11th. MIDNIGHT LEGEND beat Irish Senor neck in 8-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, firm).
DANCING LAWYER 4¾l 3rd of 13 to Canaska Dancer in nursery at Newbury (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DEVOTEE beat Gobsmacked 1½l in 9-runner maiden at Thirsk (7f, good). PILIB best effort last season when 11¾l 6th of 19 to Indhar in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good to soft).
Selection: DEVOTEE

3.40 MADAGANS JOCKEY CLUB STAKES — C4
(Group II: £33,285: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

401 (8) 20110-4 APPLE TREE 25 (D,F,G,S) (S Al Kabeer) A Fabre (Fr) 5-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 95
402 (9) 21614-1 RIGHT WIN 13 (C,D,G,S) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... J Reid [illegible]
403 (2) 12260-3 BOBZAO 13 (CD,F,G,S) (T Mills) T Mills 5-8-9 ... M J Kinane 94
404 (6) 303-122 RED BISHOP 63 (F,G,S) (A Saeed) H Ibrahim (UAE) 6-8-9 ... L Piggott 93
405 (1) 130244- SHAREEK 230 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-9 ... W R Swinburn 93
406 (4) 0/4006-2 SILVER WISP 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-8-9 ... M Hills 88
407 (3) 3231-21 TALENTED 91 (C,G,S) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 4-8-9 ... L Dettori 90
408 (5) 01/46- BRIGHTSIDE 341 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-6 ... T Quinn 74
409 (7) 311150- DANA SPRINGS 216 (D,F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-6 ... M Roberts 95

BETTING: 9-4 Apple Tree, 4-1 Bobzao, 9-2 Right Win, 7-1 Talented, 8-1 Dana Springs, Red Bishop, 10-1 Shareek, 25-1 Silver Wisp, 33-1 Brightside.

1993: ZINAAD 4-8-9 W R Swinburn (3-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

APPLE TREE 4l 4th of 9 to Urban Sea in group II Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp (1m 2f, heavy). RIGHT WIN beat Persian Brave ½l in 10-runner group III John Porter Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, good to soft), with BOBZAO (same terms) 5l 3rd. RED BISHOP best effort neck and 2l 3rd of 7 to Desert Team in group II Prince Of Wales Stakes on the July Course (1m 4f, good to firm). SHAREEK 5½l 4th of 9 to Bob's Return in group I St Leger Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, soft). TALENTED beat Andromaque neck in 7-runner group II Sun Chariot Stakes here (1m 2f, good to soft). DANA SPRINGS 4¼l 5th of 8 to Intrepidity in group I Prix Vermeille at Longchamp (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: RIGHT WIN (nap)

4.15 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RATED HANDICAP — C4
(Qualifier: £7,915: 1m 4f) (4 runners)

501 (2) 114-0 BALLET PRINCE 13 (D,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 4-9-7 ... W R Swinburn 98
502 (1) 221- KERKURA 251 (D,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-8 ... Paul Eddery 84
503 (4) 14620-0 SPIN DOCTOR 17 (S) (Lord De La Warr, M Dineen) L Cumani 4-8-6 ... C Hodgson (3) [illegible]
504 (3) 10200-0 GLIDE PATH 17 (D,F,G) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 5-8-4 ... M Hills 97

Long handicap: Glide Path 8-0.

BETTING: 5-4 Kerkura, 2-1 Ballet Prince, 3-1 Spin Doctor, 6-1 Glide Path.

1993: BRIER CREEK 4-9-7 M Roberts (5-1) J Gosden 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLET PRINCE 14½l 4th of 7 to Captain Horatius in listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. Earlier beat Instant Affair 7l in 6-runner conditions race at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, soft). KERKURA beat Cardelle 2l in 10-runner maiden at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, soft). SPIN DOCTOR best effort last season when neck 2nd of 16 to Dana Springs in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). GLIDE PATH 20l 10th of 16 to Windrush Lady in handicap here (1m 2f, good) with SPIN DOCTOR (8lb better off) 8l 15th.
Selection: BALLET PRINCE

4.50 MULTIYORK ARLINGTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,620: 5f) (13 runners)

601 (9) SQUIRE CORRIE (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-5 ... D Harrison —
602 (3) ULTRA BEET (Pat Express Ltd T/A Nutrimix) P Haslam 9-5 ... L Piggott —
603 (6) 3 SOCA KING 21 (The Boardroom Syndicate) R Hannon 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 95
604 (11) VINTAGE TAITTINGER (P Fenwick) M Bell 9-1 ... M Hills —
605 (1) 6 CADDY'S FIRST 14 (D Caddy) M Meade 8-11 ... D Holland 86
606 (5) DOLLY FACE (S Meadows) W Muir 8-11 ... T Quinn —
607 (8) 5 MR LOWRY 16 (A Thompson) R Boss 8-11 ... W Woods 89
608 (12) 3 RITZIBELLE 34 (Lady Parker) B Hills 8-10 ... W Carson [illegible]
609 (2) SINGLETON BARN (B Homewood) C Allen 8-7 ... M Roberts —
610 (7) DON'T LOOK NOW (Mrs P Radly) J Scargill 8-6 ... R Cochrane —
611 (4) MY LADY BRADY (T Brady) P Kelleway 8-2 ... Stephen Davies (3) —
612 (13) SCHOOL MUM (Mrs B Blum) M Tompkins 8-2 ... P Robinson —
613 (10) YOUNG ROSE (Mrs S Stevens) Pat Mitchell 8-2 ... A Munro —

BETTING: 5-2 Ritzibelle, 3-1 Soca King, 6-1 School Mum, 8-1 Mr Lowry, Vintage Taittinger, 12-1 others.

1993: MILD REBUKE 8-2 M Hills (5-1 fav) D Loder 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

SQUIRE CORRIE (foaled Apr 30, cost 8,400gns). Third foal by Distant Relative; dam 7f winner at three years. SOCA KING 6l 3rd of 5 to Roraios in maiden at Lingfield (5f, heavy). VILLAGE TAITTINGER (Feb 8, 7,600Rgns). Half-brother by Nordico to 1m winner Welsh Siren. CADDY'S FIRST 23l 6th of 8 to General Monash in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to soft). DOLLY FACE (May 16, 5,000gns). Half-brother by Chillbang to 6f/1m winner View, dam 6f juvenile winner. MR LOWRY 10l 5th of 14 to Monkey Adel in maiden auction at Pontefract (5f, good to soft). RITZIBELLE neck and 3l 3rd of 10 to Rigsby in maiden auction at Doncaster (5f, good). DON'T LOOK NOW (Mar 82, 5,000gns). Half-sister to Italian winner Sly King.
Selection: RITZIBELLE

5.20 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (3-Y-O: 1m) (2 runners)

1 (1) 0231-60 TOM MORGAN 15 (C,S) (P Walwyn) P Walwyn 9-0 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
2 (2) 0- GREEN JANNAT 178 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 ... W R Swinburn 76

BETTING: 1-4 Tom Morgan, 3-1 Green Jannat.

1993: WINTER FOREST 9-0 M Roberts (walked over) H Cecil

FORM FOCUS

TOM MORGAN 20l 8th of 9 to Green Crusader in handicap at Ripon (1m, good to soft). Best effort beat Swedish Invader 1½l in 3-runner maiden here (7f, good to soft). GREEN JANET 15l 11th of 13 to Realize in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: TOM MORGAN

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Apple Tree to blossom for France

NEWMARKET
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2.35: **Alriffa**, a colt with a future, can dent some tall reputations here. He consolidated on his fine debut second at this course with an easy victory over this trip at Kempton and is very much on the upgrade. His proven fitness is an added advantage. Darnay won many admirers when landing his maiden over seven furlongs, when his inexperience almost betrayed him. He faces a stiffer task this time. Ionio is promising but his stable is out of form. The conditions should suit Florid but Concordial's tendency to pull will count against him. Shepton Mallet's form looks a little suspect.

3.05: Three In One, Fawran and Devotee all have claims in a particularly open race, but the two I like are West Buoyant and **Southern Power**, the latter fresh from a recent outing. Trained by the in-form Richard Hannon, Southern Power showed he thrives on fast ground when winning at Redcar last term. Arz may be well handicapped; he was unlucky in running at Doncaster before deservedly landing his final start last season.

3.40: Both Red Bishop and Talented, representing Dubai, have some sort of chance. A slow pace will suit Talented, whose stamina for a strongly-run 12 furlongs is suspect. Either way, **Apple Tree**, with Pat Eddery up, has the ability to win this for France. He needs to be produced late; his tendency to hang when in front cost him this prize last year. Bobzao is consistent but both Right Win and Dana Springs would prefer softer ground.

4.15: **Glide Path** has a lot going for him. This fast-ground horse is racing over his best distance and should be straighter for his recent outing over an inadequate ten furlongs, when he had Spin Doctor behind him. Ballet Prince has scope and will appreciate the drop into handicap company. However, he might prefer a stiffer test of stamina. Kerkura is open to improvement but is hard to weigh up.

Julian Muscat

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 So Superb. 2.45 Rosmolique Star. 3.20 Pastures New. 3.55 Charmed Life. 4.30 The Happy Loon. 5.00 St Louis Lady. 5.35 Grand Vitesse.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Lunar Mission.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 LOCH GOIL LIMITED STAKES
(£2,807: 5f 4yd) (7 runners)

1 (6) 0010 CRONK'S COURAGE 23 (V,C,D,F,G,S) E Alston 8-9-0 ... K Fallon [illegible]
2 (1) 0431 PANTHER 10 (G) J Hetherton 4-9-0 ... N Kennedy (3) 93
3 (3) 0-05 LINCSTONE BOY 91 (B,D,F,G,S) W Barker 6-8-11 ... S Webster 81
4 (4) 400- PINE RIDGE LAD 217 (D,F,G) B Beasley 4-8-11 ... J Tate (5) 80
5 (2) 0000 SILVER STONE BOY 15 (V) W Barker 6-8-11 ... S Copp (7) 56
6 (7) 5400 SO SUPERB 25 (B,D,S) M Dods 5-8-11 ... J Weaver 87
7 (5) 4/00 MY CHERRYWELL 21 L Lloyd-James 4-8-6 ... J Fortune 65

8-4 Panther, 7-4 Cronk's Courage, 7-1 So Superb, Pine Ridge Lad, 14-1 Lincstone Boy, 33-1 others.

2.45 LOCH STRIVEN MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,888: 5f 4yd) (6)

1 (5) 2 ACHILL PRINCESS 11 W Kemp 8-11 ... J Lowe 92
2 (4) 4 DEARDAW 13 M Usher 8-11 ... R Price 89
3 (2) 26 ROSMOLIQUE STAR 14 (BF) M Channon 8-11 ... K Darley [illegible]
4 (6) 2 SLY DANCER 9 (BF) E Weymes 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 80
5 (3) SUNDAY MAIL TOO J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll —
6 (1) 30 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 7 M Johnston 8-11 ... J Weaver 76

11-10 Rosmolique Star, 5-1 Three Arch Bridge, 7-1 Achill Princess, Sly Dancer, Sunday Mail Too, 10-1 Deardaw.

3.20 FIRTH OF CLYDE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,558: 5f 4yd) (6)

1 (2) 2380 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 36 (D,F) P Evans 9-7 ... K Darley 96
2 (4) 34-2 LOCHON 24 W Barker 9-0 ... S Webster 84
3 (3) 4123 MUZZ 4 (BF,D,G) M Johnston 8-13 ... J Weaver [illegible]
4 (5) 000- HILTONS TRAVEL 197 (V,CD,S) E Alston 8-11 ... K Fallon 95
5 (1) 0-45 PORTITE SOPHIE 3 M Brittain 7-12 ... J Lowe 93
6 (6) 060- PASTURES NEW 136 J Berry 7-7 ... L Charnock 98

13-8 Muzz, 7-2 Portite Sophie, 5-1 Pastures New, Alllegsnobrain, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 12 winners from 32 runners, 37.5%; J Etherington, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Berry, 50 from 232, 21.6%; M Tompkins, 11 from 53, 20.8%; S Norton, 11 from 62, 17.7%; M H Easterby, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 40 winners from 200 rides, 20.0%; S Perks, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J Weaver, 9 from 51, 17.6%; Dean McKeown, 25 from 157, 15.9%; G Duffield, 16 from 106, 15.1%; J Fanning, 17 from 142, 12.0%.

3.55 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,807: 1m 3f) (8)

1 (7) 0/0- FAMILY LINE 3J (CD,G) Miss L Perratt 6-12-0 ... J Delahunt (4) —
2 (8) 46/1 SWEET CITY 9J (C,F,S) G Richards 9-11-9 ... R Hale 98
3 (1) 00-1 DARING KING 18 (S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-1 ... P Pritchard-Gordon (4) [illegible]
4 (4) 00-1 CHARMED LIFE 14 (G,S) P Leach 5-10-9 ... A Michael (4) 97
5 (6) 0004 BELBERRY 23 (G) S Coathup 5-10-4 ... B Oldman (4) 92
6 (2) 00-0 RAPID MOVER 9J (B,CD,S) D Nolan 7-10-1 ... C Bonner 93
7 (5) /0/ SHIKARI KID 41J (D,S) R Thompson 7-9-12 ... P Gould (4) —
8 (3) 466- GREY COMMANDER 184J (V,G) M Brittain 6-9-7 ... M Knealsey (4) 86

11-10 Daring King, 3-1 Charmed Life, 7-2 Sweet City, 8-1 Family Line, 40-1 others.

4.30 LOCH FYNE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,988: 1m 65yd) (9)

1 (6) 513- DARING DESTINY 204 (G) K Burke 9-7 ... A Clark 85
2 (4) 26-1 DISTINCTIVE AIR 25 (G,S) E Weymes 9-3 ... A Garth (5) 93
3 (1) 0-00 LUNAR MISSION 13 (V) M Tompkins 8-13 ... K Darley 90
4 (9) 3-31 WILD ROSE OF YORK 15 (D,S) M Johnston 8-12 ... J Weaver 91
5 (2) 3620 PALACEGATE JO 13 (G,S) P Evans 8-11 ... S Sanders (5) 91
6 (8) 00-2 THE HAPPY LOON 25 (S) Denys Smith 8-3 ... Dean McKeown 97
7 (5) 505- RIVER JUNCTION 181 P Haslam 7-8 ... Dale Gibson 93
8 (7) 50-2 LANCASHIRE LIFE 11 E Alston 7-7 ... J Quinn [illegible]
9 (3) 0562 STORM HEIGHTS 8 M Brittain 7-7 ... J Lowe 92

4-1 Lunar Mission, Wild Rose Of York, 9-2 Distinctive Air, The Happy Loon, 5-1 Lancashire Life, 10-1 Daring Destiny, 14-1 others.

5.00 HOLY LOCH MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,003: 1m 65yd) (12)

1 (2) 30-0 CASUAL WATER 23 M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 73
2 (1) 000- DOUBLE DANCER 234 Denys Smith 9-0 ... K Fallon 81
3 (5) 00-0 FRUSTRATED POET 9 J Etherington 9-0 ... K Darley 94
4 (12) 44-4 GLENUGIE 8 G Moore 9-0 ... S Webster 94
5 (7) 03-3 MELODY DANCER 11 S Norton 9-0 ... J Tate (5) 94
6 (4) 060- RIVA'S BOOK 167 M Hammond 9-0 ... J Marshall (5) 91
7 (11) 0000 SWEET TRENTINO 3 M Chapman 9-0 ... G Duffield 81
8 (8) 0300 WINN'S PRIDE 15 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 88
9 (9) 60-6 WOODTONG 23 C Fairhurst 9-0 ... J Fanning 81
10 (10) 566 OUR BESSIE 18 M Bell 8-9 ... M Fenton (3) 87
11 (6) 23-2 ST LOUIS LADY 14 W Jarvis 8-9 ... M Tebbutt [illegible]
12 (3) 00-2 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 14 R Whitaker 8-9 ... A Culhane 85

7-4 St Louis Lady, 9-2 Wharfedale Music, 13-2 Sweet Trentino, 8-1 Casual Water, Glenugie, 12-1 Frustrated Poet, Riva's Book, 14-1 others.

5.35 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,287: 1m 1f 36yd) (9)

1 (4) 60-0 GRAND VITESSE 16 (F,S) R Bastiman 5-9-13 ... H Bastiman (5) 98
2 (8) 425- PHILMIC 251J M Hammond 4-8-11 ... J Marshall (5) 87
3 (6) 4-60 SHERGRESS 8 S Williams 4-9-6 ... K Darley 93
4 (9) -335 PUBLIC WAY 13 (G,S) N Chamberlain 4-8-13 ... M Fenton (3) 91
5 (5) 1354 MAROWINS 27 (D,G) E Alston 5-8-11 ... J Quinn [illegible]
6 (3) 2043 BARLEY CAKE 11 (F) C Fairhurst 4-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 98
7 (2) /0-4 STAR RAGE 16 M Johnston 4-8-4 ... J Weaver 92
8 (7) 00-0 GOLD DESIRE 25 (S) M Brittain 4-8-0 ... J Lowe 90
9 (1) -000 DANCES WITH GOLD 68 (B) P Evans 4-7-9 ... S Sanders (5) 95

9-2 Star Rage, 5-1 Marowins, 6-1 Barley Cake, 7-1 Philmic, 8-1 Grand Vitesse, Shergress, 10-1 Gold Desire, Public Way, 14-1 Dances With Gold.

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THUNDERER

5.45 Must Be Magical. 6.15 Greek Flutter. 6.45 Don't Forget Marie. 7.15 Mister Oddy. 7.45 Sunny Mount. 8.15 Strong Case.

Brian Beel: 7.45 Sunny Mount.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

5.45 COLWYN BAY SELLING HURDLE
(£2,124: 2m 1f) (20 runners)

1 010P KAHER 35 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-6 ... A Shakespeare (7)
2 0/P0 BATTLEPLAN 7 (G,S) K Bridgwater 9-12-0 ... W Humphreys
3 20P4 LOR MOSS 13 (F,S) S Griffiths 14-12-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 3-00 MOST INTERESTING 34 (F,S) G Jones 9-11-9 ... B Clifford
5 P/2P ALICANTE 51 (C,F) D McCain 7-11-8 ... Mr D McCain (5)
6 F541 CHAGHATAI 72 (B,G) W Clay 8-11-8 ... Mr B Leavy
7 -4PP MONTIFIORE AVENUE 13 (G) G Fierro 8-11-8 ... S Lycett (7)
8 6-08 RICHMOND 160 (D,G) Mrs S Austin 8-11-8 ... D Wilkinson
9 5236 ANDRATH 6 D Jones 6-11-2 ... D Meade
10 0-P CAPITAL LAD 87 M Avison 5-11-2 ... R Garritty
11 PP0 CAPTAIN TANDY 35 K Bridgwater 5-11-2 ... D Bridgwater
12 FP24 KEY DEAR 154 (D,F) R Juckes 7-11-2 ... N Juckes (7)
13 6060 MUST BE MAGICAL 49 J Mackie 6-11-2 ... T Eley (3)
14 040P FOXY LASS 23 B Cambidge 5-10-11 ... Mr J Cambidge
15 0P5P PALM SWIFT 46 B Smart 8-10-11 ... Mr G Brown
16 P0 SEEMENOMORE 7 B Preece 5-10-11 ... T Wall
17 33/P WHITEHOUSE GEM 23 R Peacock 11-10-11 ... D Meredith (3)
18 0200 KUTAN 106 (B) A Foster 4-10-10 ... E Byrne
19 3 VINEY 165 C Weedon 4-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs
20 4 MADAM GYMCRAK 197 G Holmes 4-10-5 ... R Marley

4-1 Andrath, 5-1 Montifiore Avenue, 7-1 Must Be Magical, 8-1 others.

6.15 RHYL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,518: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 2-P8 GREEK FLUTTER 8 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-0 ... F Leahy (3)
2 03P0 THE MASTER GUNNER 7 (D,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-4 ... R Davis
3 -143 PATS MINSTREL 140 (B,D,F,G,S) R Champion 9-11-1 ... J Burke
4 0422 BALDA BOY 17 (G,S) T Forster 10-10-12 ... R Farrant
5 PPP1 BRADWALL 13 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 10-10-10 ... S Wynne
6 432P PINEMARTIN 6 (CD,F,G) G Richards 11-10-3 ... B Harding (3)
7 1252 MISTER FEATHERS 7 (CD,F,G) J King 13-10-0 ... T Jenks
8 P035 MO ICHI DO 13 (F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 9-10-0 ... T Eley
9 4P45 ON THE TEAR 13 F Lloyd 8-10-0 ... D Meredith
10 5P65 ORCHIPEDZO 34 (D,F) C Cowley 9-10-0 ... Judy Davies (3)

9-1 Mister Feathers, 7-2 Bradwall, 5-1 Balda Boy, Pats Minstrel, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; M Pipe, 20 from 66, 30.3%; G Richards, 35 from 136, 25.7%; K Bailey, 5 from 20, 25.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 42, 23.8%; Mrs A Hewitt, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: ; Richard Guest, 4 winners from 16 rides, 25.0%; ; R Dunwoody, 16 from 74, 21.6%; R Garritty, 7 from 33, 21.2%; ; D Meredith, 3 from 16, 18.7%; Diane Clay, 3 from 21, 14.3%, S Wynne, 4 from 29, 13.8%.

6.45 RED MILLS IRISH HORSE FEEDS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,873: 2m 1f) (15)

1 3404 CALL ME EARLY 141 (G) O Brennan 9-11-10 ... M Brennan
2 0542 DON'T FORGET MARIE 6 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 4-11-10 ... A Procter (3)
3 5-65 FOURTH IN LINE 25 (S) T George 6-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 0-P0 LENTHALL FOX 3 (B,S) J Needham 8-11-7 ... T Wall
5 6210 SHARP DANCE 10 (BF,S) B Smart 5-11-4 ... M Richards
6 0U56 HECTOR MARIO 13 J Edwards 6-11-3 ... R Davis (3)
7 395F SWIFT ROMANCE 13F G Barnett 6-11-2 ... R Farrant (3)
8 0P6 THE GREY TEXAN 44 P Makin 5-11-2 ... Richard Guest
9 -806 NEWHALL PRINCE 13 J Smith 6-10-10 ... D Leahy (5)
10 1243 PRINCETHORPE 17 (S) B Cambidge 7-10-10 ... D Meredith (3)
11 0-32 MARINERS LOVE 17 R Price 8-10-8 ... T Jenks (3)
12 -004 GEORGE LANE 30 F Jordan 6-10-7 ... J Lodder
13 000P COME ON LUCY 144 M Eckley 5-10-1 ... D Bridgwater
14 00-F DUNBERRY 114 R Pugh 6-10-0 ... J Kavanagh
15 0PPP NORDIC FLIGHT 20 R Eckley 8-10-0 ... P McLoughlin (7)

4-1 Don't Forget Marie, 11-2 Hector Mario, 6-1 Princethorpe, 13-2 Swift Romance, 7-1 Mariners Love, 8-1 Sharp Dance, 12-1 George Lane, 16-1 others.

7.15 J SCOTT FURNISHERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,594: 2m 1f 110yd) (7) — SKY

1 1311 MISTER ODDY 16 (G,S) J King 8-11-10 ... T Jenks (3)
2 684F CARTON 69 E Owen jun 7-11-2 ... G Upton
3 3431 HOWGILL 48 (F,G) R Hollinshead 6-10-10 ... S Wynne (3)
4 3235 BEAUFAN 23 (G,S) B Cambidge 7-10-4 ... Gary Lyons
5 -FU5 HEATHVIEW 62 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-3 ... F Leahy (7)
6 4452 MAGGOTS GREEN 6 (S) J Bradley 7-10-2 ... R Farrant (3)
7 P30/ HOT PURSUIT 55P (F,G) M Meagher 8-10-0 ... D Fortt (5)

6-4 Mister Oddy, 4-1 Howgill, 5-1 Maggots Green, 7-1 Beaufan, 8-1 Carton, Heathview, 50-1 Hot Pursuit.

7.45 MOLD NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,662: 3m 110yd) (8) — SKY

1 FF21 SUNNY MOUNT 13 (CD,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-8 ... J Greenall
2 P661 AH JIM LAD 13P (G) Miss L Eaton 10-12-0 ... A McPherson (7)
3 4-P1 FOWLING PIECE 24P (S) Miss P Whittle 9-12-0 ... M Harris (7)
4 0232 MY NOMINEE 6P D Nicholls 6-12-0 ... A Grimm (7)
5 00/P NORTHERN DAWN 13 (F) S Hyde 12-12-0 ... F Telford (7)
6 FAI1 SNAPPIT 13P (F,G,S) D McCain 12-12-0 ... D McCain (5)
7 PP21 THE ARTFUL RASCAL 13P (F,G,S) R Aston 10-12-0 ... G Barlow (7)
8 2221 SCALLY MUIRE 10P (F,G,S) G Edwards 10-11-9 ... A Crow (7)

P Form figures include point-to-points

1-2 Sunny Mount, 9-2 Scally Muire, 6-1 The Artful Rascal, 12-1 My Nominee, 16-1 Ah Jim Lad, 20-1 others.

8.15 PRESTATYN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,390: 3m) (6) — SKY

1 2125 GENERAL SHOT 13 (V,D,S) W Clay 9-11-9 ... Diane Clay
2 1062 STRONG CASE 10 (B,BF,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-9 ... R Dunwoody
3 ALTHREY BLUE F Lloyd 5-11-3 ... Gary Lyons
4 -P00 MASTER FRITH 7 (B) K Bridgwater 6-11-3 ... W Humphreys
5 PERCY THROWER N Twiston-Davies 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
6 00 ST MARTIN 30 D Fletcher 6-11-3 ... T Jenks (3)

4-7 Strong Case, 4-1 General Shot, 13-2 Percy Thrower, 16-1 Althrey Blue, 20-1 Master Frith, St Martin.



Ostler, of Warwickshire, takes evasive action as Croft, the Glamorgan batsman, launches into a fierce square cut at Edgbaston yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Fluent Hemp keeps Lara waiting

By Jack Bailey

EDGBASTON (first day of four): Glamorgan have scored 291 for six wickets against Warwickshire

IT IS at the same time the beauty and perversity of cricket that all the hype greeting Brian Lara's arrival at Edgbaston on Wednesday should have been put into perspective by something as simple as the toss of a coin. There was a real buzz of anticipation yesterday morning among the uncommonly large throng making its way to the ground. Birmingham had been put on the cricketing map and they all wanted to be part of it.

Then up stepped Hugh Morris. He called correctly, chose to bat and, with circumspection, and aided greatly by a maiden century from David Hemp, Glamorgan batted all day. It was Hemp's highest score for his county. He is a left-hander, like Lara, and he was born in Bermuda, not a million miles from Trinidad.

For much of the day, Lara stood at first slip. He bowled one over, the last before tea, which cost seven runs. As for the rest, he doubtless admired with many of us the fortitude and clean strokeplay of Hemp, which brought him 14 fours and put him a cut above the rest. Alone of the Glamorgan batsmen, Hemp was comparatively at ease during the early stages of his innings.

There was an inbuilt suspicion of the Warwickshire attack among the others. This resulted in slow progress. By the time they reached 158 for five at tea, the scoring rate had been nudged above two runs per over — but only just.

Inbuilt tension, consistent with the unusually fervid nature of the occasion and with it being the first game of the season, doubtless accounted for Glamorgan's stolid approach. That apart, Steve Rouse, the new head groundsman, had prepared a pitch that laudably afforded bounce for the likes of Gladstone Small and Paul Smith. Warwickshire bowled accurately and fielded keenly and Maynard, the man most likely to raise the tempo, was out almost before he began.

When he fell in the last over before lunch, to an out-swinger from the irrepressible Reeve, Glamorgan were 64 for three. James had been caught at square leg, the persistent Munton had put paid to an unusually subdued Morris and chances were, it seemed, that Lara would be batting before the day's end.

Hemp dispelled any such thoughts. In company, first with Dale in a partnership worth 54, then — after Cottee had fallen to the hitherto strangely neglected Paul Smith — with Croft, who helped him add 64, Hemp moved on, for the most part serenely. He was, however, unfortunately made aware of the bounce in the pitch by Paul Smith.

Surviving a blow on the helmet, and much ducking and weaving, Hemp reached his century after he had been at the crease ten minutes short of four hours. Glamorgan were grateful, the Warwickshire crowd less so.

For Lara, it was a day to remember, if only because it was the first day of a season that, it is estimated, will bring him £40,000 and a free car from Warwickshire to add to his £40,000 contract with a national newspaper. If he can do half as well today, in cricket terms, as Phil Simmons, his fellow Trinidadian, did yesterday, he will be more than content.

The turn of events yesterday could well prove a blessing for the Warwickshire club. They came yesterday to see Lara bat and there seems no good reason, given good weather, why just as many should not come with the same purpose in mind today . Doubtless things will soon settle down to normal but it will be a day or two yet.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Din b N Smith	19
†H Morris lbw b Munton	24
A Dale & Pipe b Munton	32
M P Maynard lbw b Reeve	5
D L Hemp not out	109
P A Cottee lbw b P Smith	18
R D B Croft b Reeve	30
O D Gibson not out	36
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 4)	18
Total (6 wkts, 110)	291

R P Lefebvre, C P Metson and S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-53, 3-84, 4-116, 5-158, 6-222.

BOWLING: Small 19-5-47-0; Munton 21-3-57-2; N Smith 18-3-46-1; Reeve 16-4-41-2; Davis 20-7-41-0; P Smith 10-2-29-1; Lara 1-0-7-0; Twose 5-1-11-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: D P Ostler, R G Twose, B C Lara, A Din, *D A Reeve, P A Smith, †K J Piper, N M K Smith, R P Davis, G C Small, T M Munton.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2, Glamorgan 2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Cash shortage poses threat to proud tradition of excellence



Continuing his tour of the former Soviet Union, **David Miller** sees luxurious facilities crumbling

The three nations of the Caucasus — Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan — have, over the centuries, represented a phenomenon of mankind. They have possessed many of the world's foremost intellects — philosophers, musicians, scientists, writers and chess players — and simultaneously people of exceptional physical capabilities.

The Georgians, a kingdom for 2,000 years of Roman, Hellenic and Persian culture, and Armenians and Azerbaijanis, descended from the Hittites, Babylonians and Islamic traditions, collectively contributed 22 competitors to the disintegrating Soviet Union's "CIS" team at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992. They won, between them, nine gold medals, one silver and six bronze in eight sports. Armenia has discovered two Olympic champions from the Ancient Greek games. The names of Tardat Archakuny and Varazdat Archakuny, respectively a wrestler and boxer from 281 and 385AD, were found engraved on stone in Greece.

The CIS's two 1992 medals in gymnastics were won by Georgians. At the National School of Dance in Tbilisi, the delegation headed by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, witnessed the highlight of his tour covering eight countries in eight days — a 45-minute performance by 12-year-olds of agility, discipline and bravura.

Yet the Caucasus republics, like the rest of the former Soviet empire, have problems. It is impossible, for instance, to telephone to Western Europe even from the private residence of Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader. Yerevan, the Armenian capital, spends the night in the dark. The nuclear generator is temporarily closed down and the country has four hours electricity a day.

Yet, 40 miles from Yerevan, set in the Ararat mountain range, lies the multi-sports complex of Tsaghkadzor; a unique training centre at 6,000ft for 47 disciplines of winter and summer sports, where 85 per cent of the former Soviet Olympic teams were sent for preparation.

"This was surely one of the secrets of the USSR success," Samaranch explained, but Tsaghkadzor, with the Armenian sports ministry and National Olympic Committee (NOC) unable to maintain, unaided, its upkeep, is rapidly falling into disrepair. The swimming pools lie empty and gungy, the three tartan tracks are peeling, the three-ringed boxing gymnasium is stale and damp.

"You have here one of the best sports centres in the world and we must try to help you update it," Samaranch promised, giving the NOC an immediate cheque for £5,000 towards essential repairs — domestically worth 200 times as much at the present rate of exchange — and a further £10,000 towards international federation membership fees.

Fortunately for Yerevan, the impressive 75,000 capacity stadium of Ararat Yerevan FC, the former Soviet champions, is in good repair for their forthcoming inaugural entry in the European championship qualifying round, but, in the empire's dissolution, Armenia lost 20 players to foreign clubs and is unsure of their release for the national team. Fully intact is the elaborate marble and glass indoor sports and concert hall, built by the Soviets in 1982 at exorbitant cost, inhibitive for any country today bar China.

Professor Raphael *Toroyian, the sports minister,* could tell many tales, some perhaps unpublishable: for 20 years, he was both physiologist and psychiatrist to the Soviet Olympic team.

In Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, we had dinner in a 12th-century hotel where you could resuscitate your camel. For contemporary travellers, it is difficult to find a late-night watering hole. Maguiatdin Allakhverdiev — at 29, the youngest of all National Olympic Committee chairmen — and I notably failed; instead, boundless with enthusiasm, he took me on a midnight tour, illuminated only by the stars, of Baku's resplendent but largely unused sports facilities.

'Armenia has discovered two Olympic champions from Ancient Greek games'

Allakhverdiev was three times the freestyle world wrestling champion and retired in disgust, a national hero, when he finished fourth at the Olympics in Seoul in 1988. The country is traditionally strong at his sport, boxing and judo, but is financially crippled by the six-year war with Armenia over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, a short distance inside their border, where most of the inhabitants are Armenians. A million refugees are housed in Baku — many filling the sports institute. Azerbaijan was traditionally the centre for Soviet rowing training.

In Georgia, where there are 26 rugby clubs, 3,000 players and they have twice beaten Zimbabwe, the eager expectation is for their first entry into the European football championship, in which they are drawn with Germany, Bulgaria, Wales, Albania and Moldavia. A tough one. But as Mr Shevardnadze said to Samaranch: "Half the country is motivated by sport."

In the 40 years from 1952, Georgia supplied 143 Soviet Olympic competitors — and won 31 gold medals, 22 silver and 39 bronze, notwithstanding that the main sport is chess, in which Nona Gaprindashvili, the NOC chairwoman, won five consecutive world championships. Some woman, some country.

Intelligent bowling gives edge to Surrey

By Ivo Tennant

THE OVAL (first day of four; Surrey won toss): Surrey, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 147 runs behind Worcestershire

NO COUNTY has had a more fractious winter than Surrey and none, as yet, has made such a pleasing start to the season. Worcestershire were made to eke out every run by medium-pacers who knew their conditions. So, too, did James Brinkley, who, on his debut, took the four Surrey wickets that fell.

Whatever Geoff Arnold may or may not have achieved in his time as Surrey's coach, he would have had something to do with the way Martin Bicknell, Benjamin and Butcher bowled as they did here, consistently swinging the ball away from the bat on a line of middle and off stump.

There were four wickets for Bicknell and no recurrence of the rib injury he suffered in South Africa. For Butcher, four for 31 was career-best bowling. Worcestershire, 65 without loss at one stage, did well to reach 205.

On such a day, the ball occasionally jagging off the *seam and often moving* through the air, you would reckon on Curtis outstaying any other Worcestershire batsman. For almost four hours, he accumulated runs in his own comfortable way, before Benjamin had him leg before with one that cut back.

It would be easy to underestimate Butcher, not least because he took just nine expensive wickets last season. Certainly Weston and Hick did, both losing their wickets through looking to force him away.

When Moody was leg before, seemingly none too happy about it, half Worcestershire's side had gone for *115. Rhodes then batted with a* greater sense of purpose than any of his team-mates. On the few occasions Surrey's bowlers pitched short, he clobbered them to the boundary. His gumption was rewarded with an unbeaten half-century, made with support only from Lampitt.

When Surrey came to bat, the conditions had changed little. Brinkley, a 20-year-old Scotsman brought up in Australia and recommended to Worcestershire by Moody, proved devastating. Bowling with something of a round-arm action, his wickets included that of Stewart, caught behind off one that moved late in the air. With his background, Brinkley will doubtless soon be targeted by the England selectors.

Simmons steals Lara's spotlight

PHIL Simmons stole the thunder of his fellow Trinidadian, Brian Lara, with a stunning county championship debut for Leicestershire yesterday. While Lara spent a quiet day in the field at Edgbaston, Simmons spent a highly-profitable one at the crease at Grace Road against Northamptonshire, making an unbeaten 247 out of a total of 444 for five (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Simmons, not content with scoring the first championship century of the summer, is within five runs of the individual record for the county, held by Samuel Coe and also made against Northamptonshire, in 1914. Coe, who never made another double hundred, later gave the county valuable service as their scorer.

After going past his previous best of 202, scored for Trinidad, Simmons maintained his Lara-like appetite until the close, when he had hit four sixes and 32 fours from 314 balls. Another county record likely to go this morning is that of 262 for the sixth wicket, which has stood since 1911. Simmons and Paul Nixon (105 not out) have already put on 241.

Jimmy Adams, another West Indian Test player embarking on his first English season, was also among the day's century-makers, scoring an unbeaten 117 in the Parks, where Nottinghamshire made heavy weather of reaching 252 for eight against Oxford University. The fragility of the Gloucestershire batting was again all too evident at Bristol where they were tumbled out for 203 by Somerset; four wickets apiece here for Caddick and Mushtaq.

Gooch's balancing act steadies Essex

By Simon Wilde

SOUTHAMPTON (Essex won toss): Hampshire have scored 282 for seven wickets against Essex

IS GRAHAM Gooch going to play for England this summer or not? Nobody seems sure, even Gooch himself, although the decision rests largely with himself. All he has to do, it appears, is say that he is available to tour Australia next winter.

He is certainly still playing for Essex, though, and yesterday dragged his creaking frame onto the field at Southampton for the first day of his 22nd season of first-class cricket. Only two men, Eddie Hemmings and David Graveney, have been on the county circuit longer and only those two, plus Childs and Emburey, will be his senior this summer.

He is 40 and it was a long but ultimately fruitful day for the old boy. He spent much of the time at first slip and then at mid-off, supervising his troops as Hampshire's batsmen made the most of a pitch and a sky they might not have hoped to see until June.

Gooch, leading Essex for one last summer and in search of one last pot, must have been pleased with the liveliness shown by his new charges, Kasprowicz and Irani, if not always with their line. There is no more Pringle or Foster, nor even, down here on the south coast, those two old foes, Marshall and Gower.

After the first hour, when the ball swung and Ilott beat the bat regularly without reward, top-order batsmen had to be winkled out. By lunch, when Hampshire were 80 *without loss, Middleton had* hit two boundaries and Gooch, who had tried six bowlers including himself, had rung the changes more imaginatively than in his days in charge of England.

Terry and Middleton must have had high hopes of adding to their centuries in the Parks. Terry got his, but Middleton, when 40, miscued Such to deep mid-on, where Gooch took the first of his three catches. Smith missed out, but Nicholas, who gave a sharp chance to Garnham when 27, survived to make 68 and add 138 with Terry.

Gooch, though, kept plugging away. His introduction of Shahid's leg-spin reaped the wickets of Terry, who batted 340 minutes for his 130, and Nicholas and precipitated a collapse which saw five wickets fall in the last 16 overs of the day. Nicholas was unfortunate to tread on his wicket.

For a long time, though, Gooch must have been questioning his decision to put Hampshire in, especially in view of his selection of two spinners.

Gooch fielding a balanced attack? He has been spending too much time listening to Ray Illingworth.

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Britannic Assurance county championship

First day of four

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER (Northamptonshire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 444 for five wickets against Northamptonshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons not out	247
*N E Briers c Fordham b Taylor	13
T J Boon c Lamb b Penberthy	10
J J Whitaker c Loye b Taylor	55
V J Wells c Ripley b Roberts	0
B F Smith c Ripley b Taylor	0
†P A Nixon not out	105
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 8)	14
Total (5 wkts, 110 overs)	444

G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, D J Millns and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-63, 3-193, 4-198, 5-203.

BOWLING: Taylor 23-6-70-3; Bowen 23-5-86-0; Innes 10-3-33-0; Penberthy 16-1-64-1; Roberts 27-2-140-1; Bailey 11-2-45-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, M B Loye, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, A R Roberts, M N Bowen, J P Taylor, K J Innes.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: J D Bond and M J Kitchen.

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 282 for seven wickets against Essex

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton c Gooch b Such	40
V P Terry c Hussain b Shahid	130
R A Smith lbw b Ilott	14
*M C J Nicholas hit wicket b Shahid	68
M Keech lbw b Ilott	10
†A N Aymes c Gooch b Kasprowicz	9
C A Connor c b Ilott	0
S D Udal not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 8)	9
Total (7 wkts, 109.2)	282

W K M Benjamin, M J Thursfield, N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-113, 3-251, 4-268, 5-280, 6-280, 7-282.

BOWLING: Ilott 30-7-54-3; Kasprowicz 24-5-55-1; Irani 19-4-54-0; Gooch 5-2-1-0; Such 20-9-49-1; Childs 8-2-30-0; Shahid 5-1-20-2.

ESSEX: *G A Gooch, P J Prichard, J J B Lewis, N Hussain, N Shahid, †M A Garnham, R C Irani, M S Kasprowicz, M C Ilott, P M Such, J H Childs.

Bonus points: Hampshire 2, Essex 3.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer.

Surrey v Worcestershire

THE FOSTER'S OVAL (Worcestershire won toss): Surrey with six first-innings wickets standing are 143 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis lbw b Benjamin	39
W P C Weston c Benjamin b Butcher	23
G A Hick c Stewart b Butcher	5
T M Moody lbw b Butcher	14
G R Haynes c Hollioake b M P Bicknell	6
†S J Rhodes not out	59
P J Newport b Bolling	2
S R Lampitt c Thorpe b Butcher	22
R K Illingworth c Bolling b M P Bicknell	3
N V Radford c Sargeant b M P Bicknell	2
J E Brinkley c Sargeant b M P Bicknell	3
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 1, nb 20)	27
Total	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-75, 3-79, 4-88, 5-115, 6-133, 7-167, 8-191, 9-193, 10-205.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 21-8-41-4; Benjamin 23-5-59-1; Butcher 20-9-31-4; Hollioake 18-2-53-0; Bolling 7-4-5-1.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Rhodes b Brinkley	12
*A J Stewart c Rhodes b Brinkley	3
G P Thorpe not out	26
D M Ward lbw b Brinkley	3
A D Brown not out	3
Extras (lb 3, nb 6)	9
Total (4 wkts, 17 overs)	56

A J Hollioake, M A Butcher, M P Bicknell, †N F Sargeant, J Bolling and J E Benjamin to bat.

Bowling: Radford 4-0-19-0; Brinkley 8-2-14-4; Newport 5-1-22-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 4, Worcestershire 2.

Umpires: P B Wight and A G T Whitehead.

Gloucestershire v Somerset

GLOUCS: First Innings

B C Broad Harden b Caddick	5
G D Hodgson lbw b Caddick	5
S G Hinks b Mushtaq	42
M W Alleyne c Lathwell b Mushtaq	17
A J Wright run out	24
T H C Hancock b Mushtaq	33
†R C Russell b Mushtaq	34
M C J Ball run out	10
*C A Walsh c Rose b Caddick	1
A M Smith c Hayhurst b Caddick	16
K E Cooper not out	11
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (80.1 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-60, 4-71, 5-117, 6-132, 7-155, 8-172, 9-181.

BOWLING: Caddick 20.1-6-40-4; Mallender 14-5-19-0; Rose 14-1-30-0; Van Troost 7-2-23-0; Ahmed 25-4-88-4.

SOMERSET: First Innings

*A N Hayhurst not out	39
M N Lathwell c Russell b Walsh	2
R J Harden c Russell b Walsh	28
N A Mallender not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total (2 wkts, 26 overs)	75

N A Folland, G D Rose, Mushtaq, V P Clarke, †R J Turner, A P Van Troost and A R Caddick to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-73.

BOWLING: Walsh 9-3-27-2; Cooper 8-1-18-0; Smith 4-1-17-0; Alleyne 3-1-3-0; Ball 4-2-3-0.

Bonus pts: Gloucestershire 1, Somerset 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Other matches

Lancashire v Yorkshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian lbw b Vaughan	57
J P Crawley c Blakey b Gough	13
N J Speak c Byas b Gough	105
N H Fairbrother c Vaughan b Gough	44
G D Lloyd c Blakey b Stemp	18
S P Titchard lbw b Stemp	6
*M Watkinson not out	28
†W K Hegg not out	5
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (6 wkts, 108)	279

P J Martin, G Chapple and A A Barnett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-135, 3-224, 4-233, 5-245, 6-252.

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, M P Vaughan, D Byas, C White, †R J Blakey, A P Grayson, M J Foster, P J Hartley, D Gough, R D Stemp, M A Robinson.

Oxford Univ v Notts

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard run out	19
M A Crawley c Townsend b Ecclestone	4
J C Adams not out	117
P Johnson lbw b Ecclestone	69
*R T Robinson c Townsend b Ecclestone	0
†W M Noon c Yeabsley b Hollins	7
D J Pipes b Hollins	1
R A Pick c MacMillan b Hollins	0
M G Field-Buss lbw b Hollins	15
S A Sylvester not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 2, nb 8)	14
Total (8 wkts dec, 90.1 overs)	252

J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-30, 3-128, 4-128, 5-173, 6-187, 7-187, 8-227.

BOWLING: Yeabsley 24-0-86-0; Ecclestone 23-6-51-5; Martin 5-1-12-0; Mackay 16-2-55-0; Hollins 22.1-3-84-4

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*R R Montgomerie not out	9
G I MacMillan c Pick b Sylvester	0
C M Gupte not out	8
Total (1 wkt, 11 overs)	17

FALL OF WICKET: 1-2.

CRICKET

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11.0, 110 overs, second day of four

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Durham

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan

Other matches

11.0, second day of four

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

11.30 to 6.30, second day of three

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

SOUTHGATE (one day): England Amateur XI v New Zealand.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Hove: Sussex v Nottinghamshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

GM Vauxhall Conference

Halifax Town v Dagenham and Redbridge (7.45)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich City v West Ham United (7.30); Portsmouth v Brighton and Hove Albion (7.0); Tottenham Hotspur v Millwall (2.0).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Newport v Redditch.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Oxford City v Tiling.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Torrington.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Ottershaw).

CYCLING: Tour of Lancashire pro-am.

Answers from page *48*

INSIGNIS

(b) The Monterey pine, *Pinus radiata*, which is native to southern California and widely cultivated elsewhere, from the Latin *insignis* remarkable, used as a specific epithet of *Pinus insignis*: "The quality of Insignis timber varies greatly according to the way it has been grown and its age."

KANJAR

(c) A generic term for certain small gypsy communities which wander about India: "All Kanjars, however, are not criminals; many are poor and fairly respectable hunters and shikaris."

LUES BOSWELLIANA

(a) A disease of admiration, a biographer's tendency to magnify his subject, from the Latin *lues* a plague, disease or pestilence + toponym from James Boswell the biographer of Sam Johnson; Macaulay, *The Edinburgh Review*, 1834: "Biographers, translators, editors — all, in short, who employ themselves in illustrating the lives or the writings of others, are peculiarly exposed to the Lues Boswelliana, or disease of admiration."

MIOHIPPUS

(b) A small fossil horse of the genus once so called, known from North American remains of the Oligocene period, and now included in the genus *Anchitherium*, from *Miocene* + the Greek *hippos*: "In Mesohippus and the somewhat larger Miohippus we find the beginning of a series of functionally three-toed horses."

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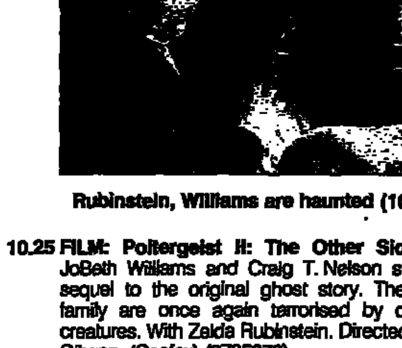
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David Mille...

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (61455)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (73947882)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (9062829)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9860900) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8282788)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (22408233)
12.15 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (s) (8281368) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (77106417)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (63252)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69958691) **1.50 Going for Gold** (s) (69969707)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. High-flying medical drama. (Ceefax) (s) (4073894)
3.00 Greenfingers (s) (3959)
3.30 Bugs Bunny Double-Bill (6135523) **3.45 Harum Scarum** with Sandi Toksvig and Mike McShane (r) (s) (3180707) **3.55 Radio Roo** (r) (s) (6227558) **4.10 Rugrats** (r) (s) (4449523) **4.35 The Movie Game** (Ceefax) (s) (6415542)
5.00 Newsround (8013207) **5.10 A Likely Lad** (Ceefax) (s) (1252320)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (407271)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Jill Dando and Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) and weather (900)
6.30 Regional news magazines (252)
7.00 Secret Service: Spying on Angels. Dylan Winter goes undercover in a maternity unit and reveals the long hours that pregnant women have to wait in the ante-natal clinic. (Ceefax) (s) (2610)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on the unhatched fossilised eggs bought by Glasgow's Hunterian Museum. (Ceefax) (s) (436)
8.00 Open All Hours. Vintage comedy starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason. (Ceefax) (s) (1558)
8.30 May to December. Romantic comedy starring Anton Rogers and Lesley Dunlop. (Ceefax) (s) (7165)
9.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (927418)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (746894)
9.35 999. Michael Buerk introduces some more stories of ordinary real-life heroes. (Ceefax) (s) (532691) **Wales:** Party Election Broadcast by Plaid Cymru 9.40 999 10.30 Last Days of Florchwen 11.00 FILM: Poltergeist II 12.30-2.10am FILM: The Blue Knight

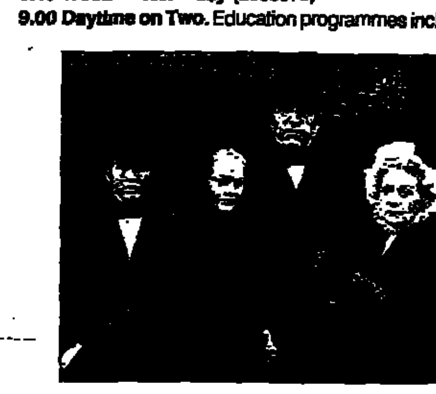


Rubinstein, Williams are haunted (10.25pm)

10.25 FILM: Poltergeist II: The Other Side (1986) JoBeth Williams and Craig T. Nelson star in the sequel to the original ghost story. The Freeling family are once again terrorised by otherworld creatures. With Zelda Rubinstein. Directed by Brian Gibson. (Ceefax) (2705078)
11.55 FILM: The Blue Knight (1973) starring William Holden as Joseph Wambaugh's hero, Bumper Morgan. The ageing cop's girlfriend (Lee Remick) eagerly awaits his retirement, however, there is a killer to be found first. Directed by Robert Butler. (Ceefax) (863504)
1.35am Weather (7902127). Ends at **1.40**

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (4786707)
8.15 Westminster Daily (2080078)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Education programmes including



Bob Peck, second right, as Gradgrind (noon)

12.00 [CHOICE] **English File: Hard Times** (29271) Plus, for children **1.20** Mr Benn (54805691) **1.35-1.40** Philbert the Frog (s) (49035788)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Words and Pictures** (14485542)
2.15 Open View (r) (99324788) **2.20 A Week to Remember: 1954** (b/w) (r) (99338981)
2.30 Dilemmas with Jenni Murray (s) (813)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **World Snooker**. Live coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield, includes at **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (681233)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. Vintage puppet adventures. (Ceefax) (821558)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Vintage spy drama. Napoleon and Illya find themselves in the Guatemalan jungle. (Ceefax) (537523)
7.15 Delia Smith's Summer Collection: Summer Fish and Shellfish. Delia prepares rosti crab cakes served with pickled limes (r). (Ceefax) (s) (653287)
7.45 What the Papers Say with Ann Leslie of *The Daily Mail* (804981)
8.00 Public Eye: Telling Tales. With more and more allegations of abuse being levelled at teachers by their pupils, Su Pennington asks if the law to protect children isn't turning teachers into victims. (Ceefax) (9900)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and Nick Wray compare garden centres and nurseries for value and choice. (Ceefax) (s) (5707)
9.00 World Snooker (s) (8558)
10.00 Have I Got News for You. Angus Deayton chairs the topical news quiz. He is joined by Paul Merton, Ian Hislop, Caroline Quentin and Kathy Lette (s) (20900)
10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. With subtitles (136436)
10.35 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (478829)
11.20 Fantasy Football League presented by Frank Skinner and David Baddiel (s) (225894) **Wales:** Party Election Broadcast by Plaid Cymru 11.25 Welsh Lobby 11.55 World Snooker 1.05am Fantasy Football League 1.35-1.40 Weather
11.50 World Snooker. Highlights (710252)
1.05am Weather (8968160). Ends at **1.15**

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Hard Times
BBC2, noon

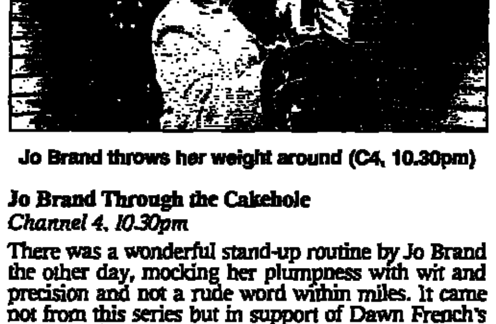
Dickens's many-layered critique of Victorian industrialism comes to the screen in an adaptation by the playwright Peter Barnes and with a cast of household names. The lucky recipients of this classy project are the nation's schoolchildren. Since the story opens in a school this is not inappropriate. But adults, too, might wish to switch on or set their videos. If money has been saved, it is on production values. Do not expect elaborate scenery or striking locations. But Barnes's screenplay is a model of intelligent compression, clearly emphasising the main themes of the story. Bob Peck plays Gradgrind, relentlessly putting facts before people with Alan Bates as the self-made Bounderby, Bill Paterson as the tragic Stephen and Harriet Walter as the saintly Rachel.

Crime Story: The Lady's Man
ITV, 9.00pm

With a hole to fill after the end of *Dr Finlay*, ITV has responded with a repeat of a true crime drama first broadcast only in November. At least it is one of the better examples of the genre. Archibald Hall was a conman who played the perfect English butler at a succession of stately homes and relieved the owners of their valuables. In 1977 he has just ingratiated himself with *Lady Peggy Hudson* in her ample pile on the Scottish Borders. The twist is that he likes the job so much that he decides to go straight, but a worthy intention is deflected by the arrival of an old prison chum (Mark McGann). An unedifying tale is lifted by John Shrapnel's skilful study of a man who could be a sychophant one moment and a psychopath the next.

Africa Express
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The item from Rwanda about attempts to save the mountain gorilla has been updated and reinstated after being pulled out of last week's programme. The trouble with trying to present good news about Africa is that bad news will keep breaking in. But there is an upbeat report from Zimbabwe about a double cure for blindness. One is medical, with surgeons performing hundreds of cataract operations. The other is cultural, overcoming the superstition that blindness is possession by evil spirits or punishment for past sins. The third film comes from Eritrea, where one of the few good things to come out of the civil war has been a passion for cycling. As football pitches were destroyed by bombs, people took to their bikes. The best of them are beating the cream of Europe.



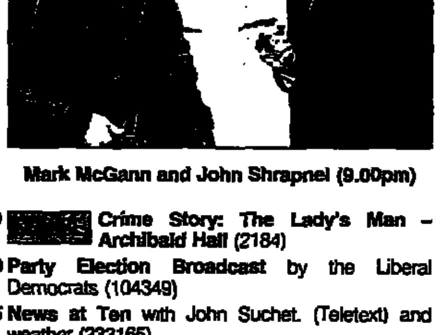
Jo Brand throws her weight around (C4, 10.30pm)

Jo Brand Through the Cakehole
Channel 4, 10.30pm

There was a wonderful stand-up routine by Jo Brand the other day, mocking her plumpness with wit and precision and not a rude word within miles. It came not from this series but in support of Dawn French's celebration of the larger woman on *The South Bank Show*. Men are supposed to cringe when Brand is in full cry because she is so rude about them. But men are perfectly proper targets and the real trouble with Brand is that she undermines a considerable talent by going for the easy, coarse laugh. Exercises feature in tonight's show when Brand is joined by the former boxing champion, Barry McGuigan. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (5961417)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (2358078) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8291436)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... John Stapleton invites more members of the public to air their views on a topical subject (s) (7076368)
10.35 This Morning (22425900) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3645504)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7639184)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (s) (7614875) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (73682233)
1.55 Capital Woman Anneka Rice discovers rural London and brings a little bit of the countryside to the city (s) (51399078) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (66999726)
2.50 Take the High Road Scottish drama series (4194981) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (3680542) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3689813)
3.30 The Magic House (6120691) **3.45 Cartoons** (6125146) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (r) (s) (8131233) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (4433962) **4.40 Chris Cross** (Teletext) (s) (5197097)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1359097)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (755455)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (41981)
7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right The entertainer hosts this game show where all can be won or lost with the turn of a card (s) (4078)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (s) (504)
8.00 The Bill: Big Eagle Day. Confusion at Sun Hill when they receive an unusual report of two armed villains at a house (Teletext) (3726)
8.30 Time after Time. Comedy series following the desperate attempts of a former criminal to go straight. Starring Brian Conley and Samantha Beckinsale (Teletext) (s) (2233)

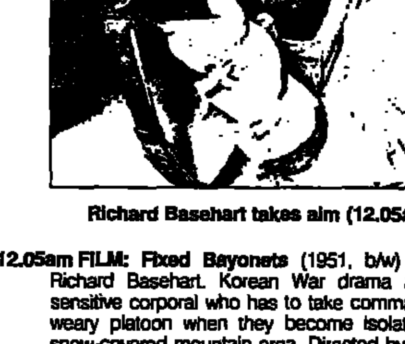


Mark McGann and John Shrapnel (9.00pm)

9.00 [CHOICE] **Crime Story: The Lady's Man – Archibald Hall** (2184)
10.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (104349)
10.05 News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) and weather (233165)
10.35 FILM: The Appointment (1982) starring Edward Woodward as a man suffering nightmares of a fateful car crash involving himself and his family. Directed by Lindsey C. Vickey (15203252)
12.15 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (9457363)
12.25 In Bed with Medinner. Bob Mills is joined by Ulrika Jonsson (s) (2575586)
1.30 Whale On. Late night entertainment with James Whale (s) (92301)
2.30 TXT (73740)
3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (48721)
4.00 Noisy Mothers (s) (81419)
5.00 Sportsworld (86856)
5.30 ITN Morning News (40083740). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street (r) (3807233)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (53875)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show for couples hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (43225)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Benin – An African Kingdom (9362962) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (9367417) **10.02** Project IT (2044455) **10.18** Solutions: Science (2023962) **10.40** Off Limits Talkback (8264455) **11.01** Canan Na Cloinne Bige (9364610) **11.22** Stage One: Making Things Move (7890894) **11.40** Geography Today (4272691)
12.00 House To House Political magazine presented by Maya Even (21639)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the actress Rhea Perlman (r) (70610) **1.30 Take 5**. Cartoons (r) (30875)
2.00 Food File Includes advice on why bread goes stale (r) (Teletext) (s) (1504)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Madagans Newmarket Stakes (2.35), the Torch Motors Policies Handicap (3.05), the Madagans Jockey Club Stakes (3.40) and the Harcros Timber and Building Supplies Rated Stakes (4.15) (25523)
4.30 Fifteen To One (Teletext) (s) (417)
5.00 Champions: Hothouse Tennis A look behind the scenes at the Lawn Tennis Association school at Bisham Abbey (r) (Teletext) (4691)
6.00 Blossom: A Little Help From My Friends American comedy (Teletext) (s) (610)
6.30 Happy Days: You Get What You Pay For American college campus comedy (Teletext) (962)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (915594)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But ... A celebrity offers unsolicited advice to another well-known person (s) (174252)
8.00 [CHOICE] **Africa Express** (Teletext) (1368)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (2225)
9.00 The Garden Club. In Nottingham, Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Ranson offer advice on compost, coldframes and onions (Teletext) (9981)
9.30 Home Improvement. American comedy about the presenter of a television DIY programme (Teletext) (s) (51368)
10.00 Roseanne Wisecracking American comedy (Teletext) (s) (22368)
10.30 [CHOICE] **Jo Brand Through the Cakehole** (Teletext) (s) (648146)
11.05 Eurotrash. An off-beat look at the weird and wonderful in Europe (s) (229610)
11.35 Beavis and Butt-Head. Cult cartoon characters from America (s) (470542)



Richard Basehart takes aim (12.05am)

12.05am FILM: Fixed Bayonets (1951, b/w) starring Richard Basehart. Korean War drama about a sensitive corporal who has to take command of a weary platoon when they become isolated in a snow-covered mountain area. Directed by Samuel Fuller (329740). Ends at **1.45**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lynn Parsons **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Debbie Thrower **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Movie Quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.30** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00-4.00** Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including **10.04** Out and About; *11.15* Science; *11.50* Video Review **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at *12.34pm* Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including Racing from Newmarket: **3.40** the Jockey Club Stakes **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide ...00 News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Now the Good News ... 0.05 Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **1.00** Night Extra **12.00** After Hours ...00-5.00am Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

...l times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English ...45 Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** ...ews in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin ...27 News in German **6.30** Europe ...oday **7.00** News **7.10** British News ...15 The World Today **7.30** Meridian ...00 News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **8.30** The Shocking ...istory of Phosporus **9.00** News **9.10** ...ords of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** ...ews **10.05** World Business Report ...15 Global Concerns **10.30** On the ...ove **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** ...ews Summary **11.01** Focus On Faith ...1.30 BBC English **11.45** ...ittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk ...30pm Meridian **1.00** World News ...10 Words of Faith **1.15** The Shocking ...story of Phosphorous: See Choice ...45 Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour ...00 World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off ...e Shelf: The House of the Spirits **3.45** ...obal Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** ...C English **4.30** News in German **4.35** ...ute Aktuell **5.00** World and British ...ws **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World ...ws **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** ...e World Today **6.30** News and ...atures in German **8.00** World News ...5 Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** ...rld News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** ...e World Today **9.30** Science in Action ...00 Newshour **11.00** World News ...05 World Business Report **11.15** ...ople and Politics **11.45** Sports ...undup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** ...ultitrack 3 **1.00** World News **1.10** ...itish News **1.15** Writing Time **1.30** ...m The Weeklies **1.45** The Learning ...rld **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook ...0 Worldbrief **2.45** Jazz Now and ...en **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and ...itics **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

...0am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly ...00 Susannah Simons **2.00pm** ...chtime Concerto: Saint-Saëns (Cello ...ncerto No 3 in A minor: Arto Noras) ...0 Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward ...0 Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening ...ncert: Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir ...lcolm Sargent celebrate their birth...s. Brahms (Academic Festival Over...); Saint-Saëns (Havanaise); Sibelius ...relia Suite); Delius (Songs of Fare...); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A) ...00 Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** Mark ...iths

VIRGIN 1215

...am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard ...ner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** ...ndy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** ...Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (69953146) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (6898417) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (1359097) **6.00** Home and Away (745184) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (168542) **10.50** Project X (98767726) **12.50am** The Twilight Zone (1994450) **1.10** Whale On (2809214) **2.10** Sportsworld (3641160) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (2821653) **3.35** Videofashion (23480547) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80594566) **4.25** Night Shift (89310547) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (20672)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (69953146) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8292813) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (1359097) **6.00** Home and Away (745184) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (168542) **10.45** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (772542) **11.40** Stolen Lives (972875) **12.40am** Whale On (2841672) **1.40** The Hidden Room (4380301) **2.05** The Beat (6712479) **3.05** Shannon's Deal (7346905) **4.00** The Album Show (3134160) **4.50** Get Wet (66179127) **5.15** Night Shift (6928740) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6916905)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** Challenge of the Seas (51399078) **2.25-2.50** Art Works (66999726) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1359097) **5.55** Home and Away (403455) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (168542) **10.45** HTV Sportsweek (838436) **11.15** The Taking of Pelham 123 (730417) **1.10am** Whale On (2809214) **2.10** Sportsworld (3641160) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (2821653) **3.35** Videofashion (23480547) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80594566) **4.25** Night Shift (89310547) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (20672)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.25** Wales Tonight (720875) **6.55-7.00** Local Government Election Broadcast by Plaid Cymru (968900) **10.45-11.15** Married with Children (838436)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** Country Practice (69953146) **2.20** Take the High Road (66981707) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4194981) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (41981) **10.05** News at Ten: Weather (233165) **10.35** Meridian News and Weather (860981) **10.45** Building a Dream - The History of the Channel Tunnel (838436) **11.15** The Naked Face (985487) **1.05am** Whale On (7582950) **2.00** The New Music (66837) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80160) **3.30-4.00** America's Top Ten (48721) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (86856)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (69953146) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8292813) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (175707) **6.30-7.00** College Cuisine (320) **10.35** Tyne Tees News and Weather (860981) **10.45** The Samson Darts Classic (772542) **11.40** Honor Guard (180962) **1.10am** Whale On (2809214) **2.10** The Big E (6721127) **3.05** Not Quite Jerusalem (490924) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (86856)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry News (8291436) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (3645504) **1.55** The Entertainers (51399078) **2.25-2.55** Gardener's Diary (66960078) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (3689813) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (41981) **10.35** Westcountry News (860981) **10.45** The Motor Show (869639) **11.25** House II: The Second Story (372542) **1.10am** Whale On (2809214) **2.10** Sportsworld (3641160) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (2821653) **3.35** Videofashion (23480547) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80594566) **4.25** Night Shift (89310547) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (20672)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (69953146) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8292813) **5.55** Calendar (175707) **6.30-7.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (320) **10.35** Calendar News and Weather (860981) **10.45** Street Legal (772542) **11.40** Honor Guard (180962) **1.10am** Whale On (2809214) **2.10** The Big E (6721127) **3.05** Not Quite Jerusalem (490924) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (86856)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (53875) **9.00** You Bet Your Life r (43225) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (71165) **11.00** Resurrected (52146) **12.00pm** House To House (21639) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (31504) **1.00** Take Five (56962) **1.30** Crawshaw Paints On Holiday Farm (30875) **2.00** Foul Smell Of Success r (56978233) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket (29584981) **4.30** Slot 23 (1332320) **4.35** Dicwm Dacwm r (7626707) **4.45** Syth 94 (1533981) **5.00** Tochaban (4579233) **5.05** Stal (1260349) **5.30** Fifteen To One (487) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (832184) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (725455) **6.25** Heno (168184) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (207894) **7.25** Gymru Y Ffwyddyn (620252) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (432813) **8.25** Darlledfad Etholfed gan Plaid Cymru (413813) **8.30** Newyddion/news (2225) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (576894) **9.45** French Letters Dark Country (616349) **10.00** Brookside (22368) **10.30** Jo Brand Through The Cakehole (648146) **11.05** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (229610) **11.35** Beavis And Butt-head (470542) **12.05am** Eurotrash (4052943) **12.35** Pilgrim (209672) **2.20** Diwedd/close (60502382)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: A Power on the Ground **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Walton, arr Palmer (Two Pieces for violin); Mozart (Concerto in D, K107 No 1); Shostakovich (Waltz and Gavotte, The Human Comedy); Corelli (Trio Sonata in G, Op 1 No 9); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Schnittke (Suite in the Olden Style)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Messiaen (Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum; Visions de l'Amen)
10.15 Heaven Upon Earth: Holy Week at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, Constantinople (r)
10.45 Musical Encounters: Purcell (Trio Sonata No 7 in C; Purcell Quartet); Janaček (Glagolitic Mass: City of Birmingham Chorus and Orchestra under Simon Rattle, with Jane Parker-Smith, organ)
12.00 Voices: Duparc (Phidylé; l'Invitation au Voyage; La vie antérieure; Le manoir de Rosemonde; Au pays où se fait la guerre; Chanson Triste); Chausson (Poème de l'amour et de la mer) (r)
1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Moray Welsh, cello, and Catherine Edwards, piano, perform Beethoven (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2); Prokofiev (Cello Sonata in C, Op 119)
2.00 Schools: Listen and Read **2.10** Music Box: Shapes and Colours **2.25** Playtime **2.40** Music Workshop
3.00 Mining the Archive: Mstislav Rostropovich, cello, plays Shostakovich (Piano Trio No 2 in E minor); Bach (Cello Suite No 3 in C, BWV 1009); Mussorgsky (Songs and Dances of Death); Prokofiev (Five Akhmatova Poems, Op 27)
4.30 The Land Between the Rivers: The second programme of traditional music from Iraq (r)
5.00 The Music Machine: With the pianist Kathryn Stott
5.15 In Tune: Malcolm Arnold (A Sussex Overture); Britten (Soirées musicales); Lennox Berkeley (Sonatina for flute and piano); Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture, May Night)
7.30 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, live from the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Tadaaki Otaka performs Weber (Overture, Euryanthe); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G: Lars Vogt). **8.15** Thursday Night, Friday Morning **8.35** Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish)
9.35 Curtain Up: Peter Grimes. Aled Jones discusses Britten's opera, to be broadcast tomorrow night from Brussels
10.00 Heaven Upon Earth: Holy Week at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, Constantinople. On Good Friday evening, the icon of the dead Christ is carried in procession (r)
10.45 Friday Feature: Angels and Gangsters. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: The Hilliard Ensemble performs works from the 13th century
1.00-2.20am Night School (as 2-3pm) **2.00** Ghostwriter **2.10** Wordplay

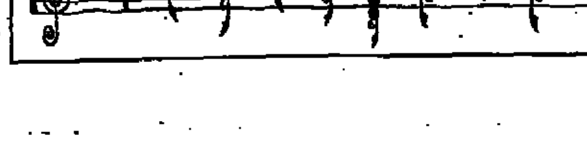
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day, with the Rev Dr Donald English **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the newscaster Trevor McDonald (r)
9.45 Whackademics: Author David Stafford explores the sex lives of spiders (r)
10.00-10.30 News; Murder Most Foul (FM only): Somebody's Had a Bonfire (3/6)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Pastoral Epistles
10.30 Woman's Hour, from Manchester. Serial: *And When Did You Last See Your Father?*
11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Mayor of Casterbridge, by Thomas Hardy (3/4) (r)
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at 21: Louise Buck reviews Christopher Martin-Jenkins's cricket anthology and visits the "Art for the People" exhibition at Dulwich
4.45 Short Story: Monty's Revolver, by Colin Dexter. Read by Joe Dunlop (r)
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis
5.45 Local Government Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: The world of transport
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.05 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Bournemouth are Tariq Ali, and MPs Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Simon Hughes, and Estelle Morris
8.05 Law in Action: Marcel Berlins returns with his weekly look at developments in the law
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Paul Doust spends a week behind the scenes of a Saturday morning children's television show (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work. Ian Holm reads the final part of Alan Judd's novella
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical look at the news
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Friday Feature: Angels and Gangsters. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
The title of John Theocharis's documentary about five contemporary Greek poets is audience-grabbing, almost Runyonesque. But it cheapens the programme. It is relevant to only one of the poets and is, anyway, a throwaway comment. For most of us Theocharis will be better known as a Radio 3 producer of distinction. As interviewer and link man in *Angels and Gangsters*, his Greek blood is rich and sensitive enough to mingle harmoniously with that of the fellow Greeks whose poems are read, in English translation, by Janet Suzman and John Rowe.

The Shocking History of Phosphorous. *World Service, 1.15pm.*
Shocking is the word for it. It killed the archduchess who trod on it. Murderers used it, and were found out when their victims glowed in the dark. It destroyed thousands of Germans when the RAF dropped phosphorous bombs on them. It rotted the jaws of the factory girls who packed matches into boxes. It caused a blast that could have ended Elgar's music-making and his life. All this — and yet, for years, it was prescribed as a medical cure-all. **Peter Davalle**



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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (51164894) **8.45** Cartoons (8184788) **9.30** Card Sharks (95726) **10.00** Concentration (8447788) **10.25** Dynamo (2688252) **10.30** Urban Peasant (65097) **11.00** Sally Jessy (96504) **12.00** Paradise Beach (56349) **12.30pm** E Street (99542) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (94097) **2.00** Man Called Intrepid (88097) **3.00** Another World (3040184) **3.45** DJ Kat (3660707) **5.00** Star Trek (2829) **6.00** Paradise Beach (2504) **6.30** E Street (6184) **7.00** Blockbusters (3558) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2368) **8.00** Code 3 (6078) **8.30** Sightings (8813) **9.00** Untouchables (19320) **10.00** Star Trek (29707) **11.00** Late Night (17097) **12.00** Outer Limits (26498) **1.00-2.00am** Hill Street Blues (75301)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (87417) **9.30** ABC Nightline (91788) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (74523) **11.30** Japan Business (23691) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (97184) **1.30** CBS This Morning (86368) **2.30** Parliament (98261) **3.30** The Lords (91392) **4.30** News and Business Report (2981) **5.00** Live at Five (354417) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3610) **9.30** Talkback (77320) **11.30** CBS News (51287) **12.30am** ABC News (84059) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (16905) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (79011) **3.30** Talkback (81856) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (44276) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (40112)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6177982)
10.00 Swing Shift (1984): Goldie Hawn helps the war effort (73558)
12.00 A New Leaf (1970): Screwball comedy with Walter Matthau (95900)
2.00pm Ghost Chase (1988): A teenager tackles crime with ghostly help (15287)
4.00 Joe Panther (1976): Children's adventure about a Seminole Indian boy (4233)
6.00 Swing Shift (as 10am) (23523)
8.00 Timescape: The Grand Tour (1992): Sci-fi thriller with Jeff Daniels (16139455)
9.40 US Top Ten (157271)
10.00 Out for Justice (1991). Action-thriller with Steven Seagal (206900)
11.35 Enter the Game of Death: Bruce Le in a martial arts thriller (409320)
1.10am Final Chapter — Walking Tall (1977): Bo Svenson as a crime-busting Tennessee sheriff (192059)
3.00 Happy Together (1990). Romantic campus comedy with Patrick Dempsey and Helen Slater (931856)
4.35 Ghost Chase (as 2pm) (2168856). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Horse Soldiers (1959): Civil War drama with John Wayne (92891)
8.00 Ghostbusters (1984): Parapsychology students rid New York of spooks (75358)
10.00 Exorcist 2: The Heretic (1977) Sequel to the horror classic. With Linda Blair and Richard Burton (595271) Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Prisoner (1955): Powerful interrogation drama starring Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins (57280610)
7.35 Westward Ho! (1988) Cartoon (7432875)
8.30 Return to Treasure Island. Animated sequel (27184)
10.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990). Off-beat fairy tale with Johnny Depp (91900)
12.00 The Daughter of Rosie O'Grady (1950). Vaudeville musical with June Haver, Gordon MacRae, Debbie Reynolds (387417)
1.50pm Man's Favourite Sport? (1964). Comedy with Rock Hudson as a fishing tackle salesman (14525436)
4.00 Westward Ho! (as 7.35am) (5126368)
4.55 Return to Treasure Island (as 8.30am) (4223355)
6.15 Wild Card (1992): Murder mystery starring Powers Boothe (56620558)
8.00 Edward Scissorhands (as 10am) (26810)
10.00 The Linguini Incident (1992). Comedy with Rosanna Arquette (679707)
11.50 The Movie Show (982356)
12.20am Love Can Be Murder (1992): Jaclyn Smith plays a lawyer who turns private detective. With Corbin Bernsen (200276)
1.55 Blood Moon (1990): Catholic girls are menaced by a sadistic killer (431585)
3.40-5.05 Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991): Supernatural horror (6221585)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (59097) **7.30** Soccer (9833252) **7.45** Netbusters (9838707) **8.00** Snowboarding (42287) **8.30** Tennis (41558) **9.00** Prime Bodies (52610) **9.30** Soccer (88523) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (34788) **11.00** Ladies' Golf (47252) **12.00** Australian Rugby League (18252) **2.00pm** Boot Room (30207) **3.00** European Golf (861417) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (70558) **7.00** Horse Racing (70894) **8.30** Netbusters (577726) **8.45** European Golf (71751233) **11.00** Soccer (35417) **12.00** Football Show (60856) **1.00-2.00am** Boxing (51818)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (56900) **8.00** Show Jumping (88707) **9.00** Tennis (54078) **9.30** Mountainbike (73691) **10.00** Olympic Magazine (52184) **11.00** Motors (32320) **12.00** Formula One (86542) **1.00pm** Tennis (11349) **3.00** Ice Hockey (263691) **5.30** Formula One (70962) **6.30** News (2900) **7.00** Ice Hockey (512639) **10.00** Motorsports (58233) **11.00** Motorcycling (33436) **11.30** Ice Hockey (19271) **12.30am** News (93547)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (1137504) **7.30** Neighbours (4486349) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (4494368) **8.25** EastEnders (7063946) **9.00** The Bill (2885542) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (8108165) **10.30** Casualty (9522639) **11.30** Sullivans (3028894) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2672078) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3268962) **1.00** EastEnders (1136875) **1.30** The Bill (3267233) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (4753165) **2.30** PC Penrose (4544720) **3.00** Knots Landing (3022610) **4.00** Dynasty (3480833) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3723436) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (77609610) **5.55** Sykes (2672558) **6.30** EastEnders (6645959) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (4757981) **7.30** Mother Makes Three (9794423) **8.00** Hannay (9357436) **9.00** Casualty (9360900) **10.00** The Bill (2873707) **10.30** Lenny Henry (2833225) **11.10** Kenny Everett (7352368) **11.50** Dr Who (8532829) **12.20am** FILM: Undercover Maisie (1947, b/w). Comedy (2497301) **1.55** Shopping (27153276)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan (18813) **6.30** Babar (27207) **7.00** Paddy (8270097) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (682184) **7.45** Beverley Hills Teens (2545566) **8.10** Head to Head (5782252) **8.15** You Can't Do That (911233) **8.45** Pastagums (7624813) **9.00** Drobsee Time (94233) **10.00** Nellie the Elephant (32417) **11.00** RatKan (81097) **11.30** Babar (82726) **12.00** Paddy (5322726) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (280875) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (6277900) **1.10** Head to Head (29818271) **1.15** You Can't Do That (382287) **1.45** Pastagums (64978349) **2.00** Barney (8610) **2.30** Binky Bill (7233) **3.00** RatKan (4417) **3.30** Casper (5957320) **3.55** Head to Head (3414097) **4.00** Beakman (1813) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (7097)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (4848097) **7.15** Teenage Hero Turtles (797964) **7.45** Rugrats (147405) **8.15** Doug (6521184) **8.30** Batfink (69900) **9.00** Banana Sandwich (50252) **9.30** Kate and Orbie (6654875) **9.45** Mother Goose (6755558) **10.00** Pondles (8339078) **10.15** Eureeka's Castle (131900) **10.45** Dig and Dug (4868320) **11.00** David the Gnome (27829) **11.30** Banana Sandwich (28558) **12.00** The Monkees (47788) **12.30pm** The Muppets (60981) **1.00** Comedy Hall Hour (49810) **1.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (89252) **2.00** The Chipmunks (2726) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (4065) **3.00** Galaxy High (1233) **3.30** Teenage Hero Turtles (5610) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (1417) **4.30** Rugrats (3829) **5.00** Clarissa (3078) **5.30** Thriller (4981) **6.00** Doug (1894) **6.30** The Monkees (2146)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Monkeys to Apes (8344982) **4.30** Wildlife (2944946) **5.00** Biography: Jackie Kennedy Onassis (8738349) **5.55** Only in Hollywood (7192165) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1332707) **7.00** Discovery Live! (6197287) **7.55** California Off-Beat (4892900) **8.05** Passion of Spain (4866184) **9.00** The Beerhunter (3038271) **9.30** Challenge of the Seas (3286368) **10.00** New Explorers (2671349) **10.30** Ambulance! (2880097) **11.00-12.00** The Wing Will Fly (1144894)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Black Tent (1956). African desert adventure (8162813) **1.45pm** Yesteryears (96963349) **2.00** FILM: Will Any Gentleman (1953): Shy George Cole becomes a womaniser after hypnosis (4137417) **3.30** David Niven Show (7794243) **4.00** Mothers-in-Law (4744928) **4.30** My Three Sons (2849392) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4762813) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (8144784) **6.00** Death Valley Days (1394207) **6.30** Car 54 (3394487) **7.00** Twilight Zone (9368184) **8.00** Avengers (9342504) **9.00** FILM: Invasion of the Animal People (1962, b/w). Aliens run amok (53643184) **10.45** Art Linkletter (1252707) **11.00** Get Smart (3037542) **11.30-12.00** Donny and Marie (6119146)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6061504) **7.00** Living (1545392) **8.00** Health (8626875) **8.30** Home Show (8625146) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8649726) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1877504) **10.30** Young and Restless (9177165) **11.30** Marco (4229875) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84358813) **12.15pm** Living (56374691) **12.30** House-calls (7277788) **1.00** First Garden (2322834) **1.30** Crosswits (7372387) **2.00** Agony Hour (4107287) **2.45** Meet Your Mate (6036726) **3.00** Living (3232726) **3.45** Gladrags (64999455) **4.00** Definition (2181368) **4.30** Infatuation (2170252) **5.00** Musiquest (2719097) **5.30** Living (6184851) **5.45** Kilroy (8111320) **6.30** Floyd's American Pie (2182097) **7.00** Definition (2799233) **7.30** That's Amore (2171981) **8.00** Young and Restless (4774813) **9.00** FILM: My Husband is Missing (1978): Post-Vietnam war drama (20022271) **10.45** Gladrags and Glamour (7669417) **11.00** That's Amore (4243455) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (3313271)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (9962) **5.30** Zorro (8349) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (89621) **6.30** Catchphrase (2542) **7.00** All Clued Up (9726) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (8726) **8.00** Evening Shade (5146) **8.30** GP (7981) **9.00** Gentlemen and Players (99558) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (94405) **10.30** Entertainment Now (82875) **11.00** Lou Grant (33146) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (37176)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (514127) **8.00** VJ Ingo (395120) **11.00** Soul (54639) **12.00** Hits (36184) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (825455) **3.30** Report (1556252) **3.45** Movies (1554707) **4.00** News (8391097) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8374320) **4.30** Dial MTV (9455) **5.00** Music (95349) **7.00** Hits (99504) **8.00** Metallica (87691) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (37813) **10.00** Report (622233) **10.15** Movies (827788) **10.30** News (670320) **10.45** 3 from 1 (675875) **11.00** VJ Marijne (58184) **1.00am** Chill Out (95276) **2.00** Videos (5392905)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (83639) **7.00** Asian Morning (21436) **8.00** Hindi News (991651) **8.30** Urdu News (7623184) **8.45** News (7626639) **9.00** Serial (94267) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (750962) **1.00pm** Serial (43523) **1.30** Hindi FILM (660875) **4.30** Kiddie Time (4523) **5.00** TVA (5523) **7.00** Sports (6542) **7.30** 'D' Youth (4558) **8.00** English News (234368) **8.15** Hindi FILM (24347097) **11.15** Serial (441320) **12.05am** Five Past (1102382) **1.35** Sight and Sound (15500363)

TNT
Theme: Mind the (Generation) Gap
7.00pm The Impossible Years (1968). Comedy with David Niven (63945691)
8.55 Rich, Young and Pretty (1951): Jane Powell finds her mother (66014523)
10.40 Janie (1944, b/w): Small-town girl Joyce Reynolds falls for a soldier (60207726)
12.40am Janie Gets Married (1946, b/w) The trials of a young wife (60641943)
2.20 Cynthia (1947, b/w): Romance starring Elizabeth Taylor (23145818). Ends at **5.00**

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Saxelby proves shrewd capture

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHESTERFIELD (Durham won toss): Durham have scored 441 for three wickets against Derbyshire

DURHAM'S painful progress towards first-class maturity will be eased by a few more days like this. In glorious early summer weather, at one of England's loveliest grounds, they rattled along at an extraordinary four runs an over against one of the country's strongest bowling sides.

Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, came to watch three of them. Devon Malcolm and Philip DeFreitas have played Test cricket: Dominic Cork, fit again after his recent knee operation, is waiting for the call. Instead, he watched three batsmen fill their boots. Nevertheless, Durham will be wary. This time last year, they made 515 against Lancashire, declared and lost the match by six wickets.

It was Durham's day, with knobs on. One of the men they signed during the winter to strengthen their batting, Mark Saxelby, made the first hundred of his career and the other, John Morris, fell ten runs short of one that would have brought him considerable satisfaction.

For the left-handed Saxelby, the former Nottinghamshire player, it was a coming of age at 25. His 181, made from 238 balls with 26 fours and two sixes, is now the highest championship innings by a Durham player, exceeding the 159 Paul Parker made against Warwickshire last season.

Morris would have had as much cause to cherish a century, if only he had got there. In his first championship match for his new county, against the club he left without too much sorrow, he was determined to make a significant impression. Illingworth's presence merely stiffened his resolve and, when he mistimed a drive to mid-wicket on the stroke of six o'clock, he did not look a very happy man.

The pitch is good, if slow, and the outfield quick, so Phil Bainbridge won a good toss. Devon Malcolm repeatedly tested Wayne Larkins outside his off-stump in a spirited and unlucky first spell and Cork, who took two of the three wickets to fall, swung the ball, but was not always able to force the batsmen to follow it.

Much of the bowling was frightful. In a mirror image of the Durham performances, Philip DeFreitas and Colin Wells, who were making their own debuts for Derbyshire, should cover their eyes at the breakfast table when they study their bowling figures this morning. They do not lie.

In five seasons at Trent Bridge, Saxelby's highest score from 36 matches was 77. He asked to be released from his contract, feeling he might make a better fist of it elsewhere, and he has already gone some way to prove his point. This innings can only leave Graeme Fowler, to whom he was preferred, wondering what the future holds. Perhaps Durham will let him know by fax.

By lunch, Saxelby and Larkins had each made 65 of the 146 runs on the board. It seemed they would go on at their leisure until Cork brought one back into Larkins who was leg-before, shuffling across the crease.

He had batted superbly, driving savagely when the ball was up for this stroke and once pulling Malcolm magnificently past mid-wicket's left eyebrow, so early did he pick up the length.

When he replaced Malcolm down the slope, DeFreitas was treated no more mercifully. His first five overs all contained boundaries and one of them, a stupendous Larkins cover drive, was bouncing back from the advertising boards before the bowler had pulled up.

Neither Sladdin, who bowled a long spell undistinguished by guile, nor Wells could dam the flood of runs. Indeed, Wells encouraged it, starting with a wide, bowling at least half-a-dozen more, which umpire Jones chose not to call and, over in, over out, offering the batsmen an assortment of everything they would like to receive.

Durham advanced from 200 to 300 inside 19 giddy overs. Saxelby, who had swung Wells over mid-wicket for six, pulled him for another six after tea. There was not a great deal for Illingworth to get his teeth into, unless he was seeking confirmation that Morris is a first-class plunderer of second-class bowling.

Within sight of a double century, Saxelby, who was playing with a confidence that bordered on the casual, was superbly caught by the diving Krikken. No wonder he looked tired. Never before has he batted for five-and-a-quarter hours. He had shared stands of 169 with Larkins and 190 with Morris, and done his job thoroughly.

SCOREBOARD

CHESTERFIELD (first day of four, Derbyshire won toss)

DURHAM: First Innings

W Larkins lbw b Cork	83
M Saxelby c Krikken b Cork	181
J E Morris c Adams b DeFreitas	90
S Hutton not out	39
P Bainbridge not out	10
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 30)	38
Total (3 wkts, 110)	441

J I Longley, C W Scott, A C Cummins, J Wood, D A Graveney and S J E Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-169, 2-359, 3-393

BOWLING: Malcolm 20-2-86-0; Cork 23-3-96-2; Wells 15-4-64-0, DeFreitas 21-1-92-1; Sladdin 31-8-97-0.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, P D Bowler, C J Adams, A S Rollins, M Azharuddin, C M Wells, P A J DeFreitas, D G Cork, †K M Krikken, R W Sladdin, D E Malcolm.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 1, Durham 4

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.



Las Meninas, left, lands the Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket yesterday by the narrowest of margins from Balanchine, trained in the United Arab Emirates. The winner, ridden by John Reid, is trained in Ireland by Tommy Stack, who partnered Red Rum to Grand National glory in his riding days. Report, page 45. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Inconsistent White pegged back by Morgan

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY White, whose sporadic bursts of excellence this season have been too brief and infrequent to see him through to the final of a tournament, was again plagued by inconsistency when his Embassy world championship semi-final against Darren Morgan began in Sheffield yesterday.

After the first session of four in the best-of-31 frame contest, which is scheduled to reach its conclusion tomorrow, White led 4-3. Morgan, however, was probably the more satisfied after avoiding a potentially bigger overnight deficit.

Morgan, who caused one of surprises of the event this year by beating John Parrott, the 1991 world champion, 13-11 in the previous round, recovered from 6-2 down to record a 9-2 victory over White in the last 16 of the United Kingdom championship five months ago.

Despite this, White opened the match as a strong favourite to secure a place in the world final for a fifth year in succession. The membership of that school of thought was swelled when he established a 3-0 lead with breaks of 54, 67 arid a yellow-to-pink clearance in the third frame.

However, Morgan, who compensates for his lack of flair with an unshakable resolve, arrested White's march by winning a scrappy fourth frame. White moved 4-1 ahead before Morgan fashioned a 96 clearance, the highest break of the afternoon, in the sixth.

The closing frame of the session was as frustrating for White as countless others have been in other recent tournaments. Trailing 29-3, White was presented with a clear-cut opportunity, but, having made only nine, he missed a routine green from short range. The resultant run of 34 from Morgan was sufficient to complete his damage limitation exercise.

Stephen Hendry, the dominant force in snooker during the Nineties, who is attempting to win the championship for the fourth time in five years, and Steve Davis, his predecessor as the game's most feared opponent, met in the other semi-final last night. It was hard to imagine a match other than the final itself with more at stake.

The difference in prize-money is £55,000 — the losing semi-finalists receive £55,000, the runner-up £110,000 — and there is also the fierce pride of the protagonists to consider. In addition, the winner will occupy the world No 1 position next season and, as Hendry has said that being top of the rankings means more to him than being world champion, it is fair to assume he will be under extra pressure.

Hendry has a knack for concise statements that say a lot. When asked his thoughts on what is undoubtedly his most important match of the year, the Scot said: "I think I'm the best, Steve thinks he's the best. It will be a real battle of wills."

Hendry has beaten Davis in 21 of their 36 competitive meetings and has registered two convincing victories over his greatest rival this season. Hendry produced one of his best performances to beat Davis 9-3 in the final of the Dubai Classic in October and he prevailed 7-1 when they met in the Matchroom League. The result could depend on how Hendry can cope with the continued pain from his fractured left arm. He was advised to put the arm in a sling after beating Nigel Bond 13-8 in the quarter-finals on Wednesday and prepared for the match against Davis with only an hour's practise yesterday.

He will need stamina to overcome Davis, who showed during his 13-9 quarter-final win over James Wattana that he is equally at home in a frame full of tactical exchanges as he is in one where the opportunity arises to win it in one visit.

QUARTER-FINALS: D Morgan (Wales) bt J Parrott (Eng) 13-11; S Davis (Eng) bt J Wattana (Tha) 13-8

SEMI-FINAL: J White (Eng) leads Morgan 4-3. Frame scores (White first): 86-25, 84-5, 69-50, 31-72, 90-26, 18-124, 24-69

Handicap mile awaits record-holders

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the greatest names in the history of miling are discovering now, if they have not before, that there is no such thing as a free dinner. The former world record-holders who have accepted invitations to join in a fortieth anniversary celebration next week of Sir Roger Bannister's first sub four-minute mile are being asked to run for their supper.

After toasting Bannister's achievement at a London hotel on Friday evening, those willing to give one last public display of their running will line up for the Pentland Mile, a handicap race at Iffley Road, Oxford, where Bannister ran 3min 59.4sec on May 6, 1954. Bannister, now 65, has been excused on account of an ankle injury suffered in a car crash in 1979, but others may not escape so easily.

Jim Ryun, 47, and Peter Snell, 55, are the first to accept and Eamonn Coghlan, the Irishman who in February became the first veteran (age 40 and over) to run a mile in under four minutes, has come out of the retirement he announced only weeks ago to be the scratch runner. But should Steve Cram, still running comfortably inside four minutes at 33, want to be part of the action, the Briton would need no start from Coghlan.

Others being asked to go through their paces at Oxford on May 7 include Sebastian Coe, Filbert Bayi, Michel Jazy and John Walker, who has declined, saying he is not fit enough.

Chris Brasher, the London Marathon founder who helped to pace Bannister to the most famous record in athletics, is likely to be the oldest starter, aged 65.

The difficult task of handicapping a dozen or so runners with no recent form to go on has fallen to Bill Snelgrove, a marathon runner who, as luck would have it, was born on May 6, 1956, the second anniversary of Bannister's achievement.

Snelgrove, a 2hr 19min marathon man, said: "Maybe I was born to be a runner." Whether he was a born handicapper will be put to the test next week. He will arrive at his handicap figures using a computer assessment of age, best times, height, weight and the athlete's own assessment of his fitness.

"It's great fun, seeing if the hare can catch the tortoise," Brasher said. Provided not too much salmon and steak needs washing down the night before.



Although it was often hard, Koyeda Mallah loved her work. She awoke at dawn looking forward to each day. She still awakes at dawn, but no work. Now she has to beg for food and money.

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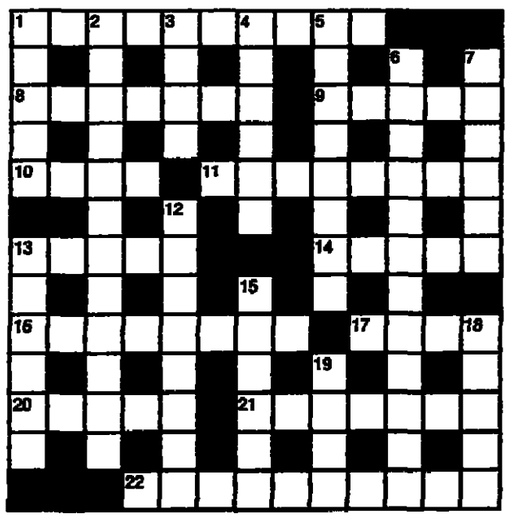
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ACROSS

1 Upside down in confusion (5-5)
8 Tungsten (7)
9 Channel cut by rain (5)
10 Unfreeze (4)
11 Aristocrat (8)
13 Indian religious teacher (5)
14 *Sheltered retreats (5)*
16 Get down for the night: finalise (3,2,3)
17 Simple sea-plant (4)
20 Beethoven's – symphony, the *Choral* (5)
21 Universal attractive force (7)
22 Female flight attendant (10)

DOWN

1 That is to say (2,3)
2 Successfully deceive (4,1,4,3)
3 Enclosed outdoor area (4)
4 Release rope securing ship (6)
5 Watchful (8)
6 *Maximum shipload mark* (8,4)
7 'Swan' constellation (6)
12 Rebound (of bullet) (8)
13 On one's back: cravenly compliant (6)
15 Gaudy bauble (6)
18 Bottomless pit (5)
19 Two together (4)

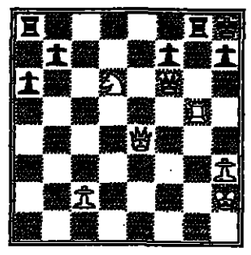
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ACROSS: 4 Rebus 7 Evacuate 8 Play 9 Choirboy 10 Grange 13 Butler 14 Gullet 15 Geisha 18 Browning 19 Sumo 20 Eagle eye 21 Rusty

DOWN: 1 Pedlar 2 Canyon 3 Muscle 4 Reticule 5 Bow Bells 6 Sawyer 11 All fours 12 Guernsey 14 Gibber 15 Goggle 16 In/step 17 Hamper

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Suta - Sutey, Bucharest 1953.
If White could lure the black queen away from the defence of the f7-pawn, he could play Nxf7 mate. How does he accomplish this?



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By Philip Howard

INSIGNIS
a. The Roman order of merit
b. The Monterey pine
c. Smoke-signalling

KANJAR
a. A type of bottling jar
b. A Korean martial art
c. A gypsy community

LUES BOSWELLIANA
a. Celebrity-worship
b. Scum on the top of port
c. Venereal disease, probably syphilis

MIOHIPPUS
a. A joint in the pelvis
b. An extinct horse
c. Rheum from the eyes

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BZW faces £1bn action over deal that ruined B&C

BY JON ASHWORTH

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd is being sued for up to £1 billion over its role in the ill-fated purchase of Atlantic Computers, the computer leasing company that brought down John Gunn's British & Commonwealth financial services empire.

BZW acted as adviser to British & Commonwealth Holdings, which collapsed in 1990 after writing off its £550 million investment in the computer leasing group. Ernst & Young, administrator of B&C, yesterday issued proceedings "for an unparticularised and unspecified amount" relating to the acquisition of Atlantic in 1988. The writ, which is expected to allege negligence on the part of BZW, would be expected to roll up damages to include interest to date. B&C paid £416 million for Atlantic in July 1988, and wrote off £550 million in April 1990. With interest, the figure will have swelled to nearly £1 billion.

A BZW statement said the group would "vigorously" defend the proceedings. The action comes just days after inspectors appointed by the Department of Trade and Industry completed their long-running investigation into the collapse of Atlantic.

A report on the affair was submitted on Monday to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who is now considering whether to make public its findings.

Atlantic, whose main business was the leasing of IBM mainframe computers, saw its profits collapse as a result of aggressive pricing by IBM's in-house leasing division. Profits in the half year to June 1988 were £6.7 million, compared with £33.7 million for the whole of 1987, and worse was to come.

John Foulston, founder of Atlantic, was killed in a racing car accident at Brands Hatch about a year before the B&C deal. His innovative financing techniques had made Atlantic one of Europe's top three computer leasing companies, but without his lead, the company appeared to lose direction.

Mr Foulston's brainchild, a scheme called Flexlease, allowed customers to upgrade their computers at what appeared to be competitive prices. Damningly, it also gave rise to a mountain of contingent liabilities that went unrecorded in the group's accounts. The effect was to boost profits upfront, delaying liabilities several years down the line.

Advisers to B&C would have been expected to alert it to potential problems. Some comment would also have been expected on certain structural and managerial weaknesses, in which sales representatives were offered huge incentives to clinch deals that were not necessarily in Atlantic's best interests.

Mr Gunn, the son of a Cheshire railwayman, became one of the stars of the City during the 1980s, building B&C from a shipping to investment company owned by the Cayzer family into a sprawling financial services group. The bubble burst in June 1990, when B&C called in administrators to prevent a run on its merchant banking subsidiary.

Barclays Bank, which owns BZW, was forced to set aside £100 million against loans made to British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank when it went into administration in June 1990. As lead banker to B&C, Barclays was estimated to have a £140 million exposure to the group, including loans made to Atlantic.

Soon afterwards, the DTI launched its investigation. KPMG Peat Marwick, which took over as auditor from Spicer & Oppenheim, alerted B&C as early as April 1989 that provisions would have to be made.

Norwich Union fined £300,000

■ **Lautro has hit back at critics who say Norwich Union's £300,000 fine is too low, and gives warning that further large fines for insurance companies are imminent**

BY ROBERT MILLER

NORWICH Union, Britain's third-largest insurance company and one of the most respected names in household insurance and pensions, was yesterday fined £300,000 for putting the public at risk by failing to ensure its sales force was properly trained.

The company was also ordered to pay costs of £25,000. Norwich Union has said it will compensate any investor who has been mis-sold one of its products, though the total amount of compensation and the number of investors involved is not known. The cost of compensating investors who bought Norwich Union products has not been quantified but is likely to be drawn from a £173 million contingency reserve.

The fine, which follows one of a similar size levied on the much smaller Premium Life this week, follows the suspension last month of Norwich Union's 800-strong pensions sales force for one month's "vigorous training and reassessment". Less than half the sales force has returned to work after most either failed or did not sit the requalifying exams. Before the suspension the sales force generated up to £10 million worth of business a month.

Lautro, the regulator responsible for policing pension groups and unit-trust companies, said Norwich Union had failed to organise its internal affairs in a responsible manner, particularly in relation to "training and competence and adequacy of compliance procedures". It added: "The compliance failures detected by Lautro had risks for potential customers."

Allan Bridgewater, group chief executive of Norwich Union, said: "Our policy remains that we will pay full compensation in any such case."

Alistair Darling, Labour's City affairs spokesman, said: "The fine is very, very small and not much of a deterrent. It is the public that will end up having to foot the bill with higher premiums."

Kate Scribbins, head of the Consumers' Association money group, commented: "Sadly this has come very late in the day for all those who have been mis-sold policies."

John Bancroft, the negotiating officer of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said cases of mis-selling pension and investment products would continue "as long as the management of these companies continue to set unrealistic sales targets".

Charles Landa, insurance analyst at Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said: "There are certainly more fines in the pipeline. Lautro is sending a very clear message to its members that where there is any risk of mis-selling investment products to the public it will be regarded as a most serious breach of the rules and the fines will be very, very heavy indeed."

Lautro has hit back at criticisms that the fine was too small. Colin Hawtin, head of policy at Lautro, said: "The size of the fine is not a maximum and should not be regarded as a precedent.

"It is a judicious mix, taking into account the bad publicity it has generated for Norwich Union and the fact that it is a mutual company. Any fine or expenses inevitably come from policyholders' money.

"But I hope the size of the fine reflects the seriousness of the case. Norwich Union will certainly not be the last Lautro member to be fined," said Mr Hawtin.

Norwich Union was the first Lautro member to be fined, in May 1992, when it had to pay £50,000 for placing an unsuitable advertisement. Since then Lautro has fined 20 companies a total of more than £2 million. These include Commercial Union, General Accident and Cannon, all fined £50,000 each. Earlier this year, Legal & General was fined £180,000 and Aegon had to pay £225,000.

JAMES MORGAN



David Whelan shows some fancy footwork ahead of the market debut of JJB (Sports)

Ex-footballer aims for stock market goal

A BROKEN leg in the 1960 FA Cup Final set David Whelan on the road to a fortune. Mr Whelan, who played for Blackburn Rovers before the injury, went on to set up JJB (Sports), which is coming to the stock market this month with a £50 million price tag.

He built a business that operates 107 shops selling sports goods, mainly in the North West, the Midlands and Scotland, with five in Spain. The chain concentrates on the serious end of the market rather than on fashion goods.

Mr Whelan and his wife, Patricia, own almost all the equity at present, but are raising between £15 and £20 million by selling some shares. The company will obtain a similar amount in fresh capital to fund the opening of further stores.

Profits warning hits Canadian Pizza price

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SHARES in Canadian Pizza, offered at £2 just five months ago, fell heavily yesterday after the company issued a profit warning.

The shares hit 108p at one stage and ended 46p lower at 120p after Andrew Dare, chairman, told the annual meeting that almost a tenth of annual sales had disappeared because of cutbacks by J Sainsbury.

He also said the first three months of this year "have seen a significant slowing of our sales to UK retail customers". There was no guarantee, therefore, that 1994 profits would be any better than the £3.2 million earned last year.

For the flotation Canadian Pizza enlisted two of the City's finest, Hoare Govett and Robert Fleming, as stockbroker and merchant banker respectively. The prospectus, which attracted applications from three times as many private shareholders as there were shares to sell, warned that the economic environment was "difficult". But it also boasted of "a number of important new orders" from customers, including Sainsbury.

Peter Woodall, managing director, said loss of orders was part of the group's "normal trading". On the Sainsbury decision, he said: "It's extremely unfortunate. It was unforeseen — we've had no experience of this situation before." He said most shareholders had been sympathetic.

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LVMH scents success in Guerlain deal

BY NEIL BENNETT

MOËT Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the drinks and luxury goods group, is creating the world's largest perfume company with the Fr1.96 billion acquisition of a controlling stake in Guerlain, one of the most famous names in the world's cosmetics industry.

The group plans to combine Guerlain with Christian Dior, Givenchy and Kenzo, its existing perfume businesses. This will make it larger than Yves Saint Laurent, the rival French perfume-maker.

The deal is in line with plans by Bernard Arnault, the flamboyant head of LVMH, to concentrate on expanding the luxury group operations, which also include the Louis Vuitton and Celine luggage.

LVMH, which already owned 14 per cent of Guerlain, is buying another 45 per cent from the Guerlain family, with whom it has been negotiating for months.

Christian Dior, one of LVMH's shareholders and satellite companies, is initially paying for the deal by issuing 4.4 million shares. It is then selling the stake back to LVMH for cash. After the deal, LVMH will control 59 per cent of Guerlain. The Guerlain family has also granted Christian Dior an option over the remaining shares.

The acquisition was made possible after last year's decision by Guinness, the British drinks group, to sell its stake in LVMH and exchange it for a larger, direct stake in Moët Hennessy, the group's champagne and spirits business, since it said it had no interest in LVMH's luxury goods.

The Guinness deal, which was completed only yesterday, left LVMH with Fr8 billion in cash, which M Arnault vowed to use to acquire other luxury goods companies.

Last year, Guerlain had sales of Fr2 billion and profits of Fr162 million, after a downturn from 1992. The company is expecting a recovery in the current year.

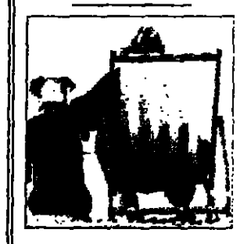
Redrow

The Times is happy to make clear that an independent valuation of the hotel and golf course transferred from Redrow to Linross, Steve Morgan's private company, for a nominal £100 was £6m, almost equalling its debts.

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The Unilever/P&G Power play

The ultimate soap is being played out between Unilever and its transatlantic rival, Procter & Gamble, led by chairman and chief executive Ed Artzt. Unilever, locked in battle with P&G for control of Europe's £6 billion detergent market, is set to launch Persil Power in the UK next week — supported by a £20 million advertising spend. Unilever's scientists are convinced they have achieved a major technological breakthrough in the rarefied art of stain removal. P&G's retaliation represents an art, or rather Artzt, form of its own. The Cincinnati-based multinational has claimed that Unilever's product damages cotton fibres; not only damages them but leaves them holed. It was against this background that Unilever executives brandished items of Power-washed ladies' underwear at a Rotterdam press conference last week and asked journalists: "Do you see any holes?" The tabloids — "Test proves we're not talking rot" — had a field day. But why should tabloid journalists have all the fun? What scribe can resist the corporate washing of dirty linen — particularly when Procter & Gamble, dubbed "the Kremlin" across the pond, is involved.

The story first broke last Wednesday in *Het Algemeen Dagblad*, a Dutch newspaper I follow avidly. At the heart of Unilever's technology is the "Accelerator", a patented Lever invention of a new manganese-based molecule, which, it is claimed, significantly enhances product performance. The bleaching process is modelled on oxidation and was developed in the wake of an extensive study of plant photosynthesis.

Stef Kranendijk, general manager of P&G Benelux, was quoted in *Het Algemeen Dagblad* as saying that P&G had carried out detailed research into Unilever's molecule, which it has been aware of for "more than 20 years". Kranendijk bluntly declared: "Our experience is that the managanese technology as used in detergents, damages textiles such as clothing and towels." Lest anything should escape, Kranendijk also cited teatowels as potential victims. *Algemeen Dagblad*'s reporter revealed that within P&G "circles" it is asserted that after 24 washes with Omo Power (launched in Holland last month) "holes appear in the fabric". Kranendijk, when he isn't alleging that another company's product damages tea towels, is obviously a discreet sort of guy. He stressed that P&G could not discuss rumours about private discussions concerning test results. We also learnt from Kranendijk that P&G has "communicated to Unilever our considerable concerns about the safety of their product with regard to the durability of fabrics".

Willem Selman, chairman of Unilever NV, also managed to get a word in: "It is complete nonsense. We carried out extensive



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consumer tests and these did not give any indications of fabric damage. It is our invention and I can imagine that others in the market are worried." And we are talking big markets. Unilever's share of Europe's £6 billion detergent market is around 25 per cent, compared with P&G's 32 per cent. P&G commands 50 per cent of the $10 billion US market, compared with Unilever's 20 per cent but, in the rest of the world (embracing growth areas such as China, South-East Asia and India) the 50/20 split reverses in favour of Unilever.

P&G has, of late, drawn ahead in the European war but Unilever's Power play in Europe, involving capital expenditure of £100 million supported by a projected £200 million marketing and promotion spend, clearly poses a significant threat. Washing things the Accelerator way is billed as environmentally friendly, not least in view of energy savings and the absence of emissions. Next week heralds not only a product launch in the UK but also in Sweden, Finland and Ireland. Advertising is scheduled to be under way in 12 countries by the end of May.

Wednesday's press conference brought categoric rebuttals of P&G's claims via *Algemeen Dagblad*. The Accelerator molecule was first identified in 1988 by German scientists studying photosynthesis. P&G may have worked in this area for 20 years, but not with Unilever's molecule. Testing procedures were described as "meticulous". The inevitable tea towel appeared — hole-free after 350 washes. Particularly intriguing was the revelation that Unilever had offered P&G "joint tests with independent institutes", an offer which, according to Unilever, P&G refused.

Word has it that Artzt, known in the Kremlin as Prince of Darkness, has taken more than a passing interest in Power for the people. By strange coincidence, Power has recently appeared on Ariel packs and in P&G advertisements in women's magazines. Thus, come yesterday evening, Lever Nederland announced that it is applying for a court injunction against P&G's use of the word Power. Lever has also initiated court proceedings on the grounds that Procter & Gamble is making "untruthful and misleading" statements which are "sowing doubt among the general public about the quality of the product".

Lever is demanding that P&G must refrain "on penalty of damages for non-compliance".

Such drama inevitably calls to mind *Soap Opera*, the widely acclaimed inside story of Procter & Gamble written by Alecia Swasy of the *Wall Street Journal*. The *New York Times* review, last November, read as follows: "The book's heroic figures include those who have stood up to the company, whether over sexist policies, the pollution of Florida's Fenholloway river, or evidence that Rely tampons were an ideal medium for bacteria that cause toxic shock syndrome. Ms Swasy's best reporting involves the Rely tragedy: 'As sales of Rely tampons mounted, so did evidence that the product was linked to toxic shock, yet management refused to print warnings and instructed sales people to deny the link'."

Does Unilever, one wonders, really need P&G's advice?

US car and truck sales give Ford a boost

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FORD Motor Company produced the best car-making profit for almost five years yesterday as it released first-quarter net earnings almost doubled to $904 million on sales of $30 billion. Jaguar recorded the smallest loss since Ford bought it in 1989.

Without a charge relating to the sale of part of Ford's financial arm, group profits would have reached $1.3 billion.

The big boost to results came from US car and truck sales, which multiplied net profits from global car manufacturing seven times, from $113 million to $835 million.

Ford's worldwide car business made more in the first quarter of this year than in the whole of 1993.

Jaguar sales rose 12 per cent to 7,100 vehicles around the globe, but the group lost $40 million against $56 million in the comparable period last year.

Losses since it went under Ford ownership now total $1.7 billion. Its sales jumped 25 per cent in Britain and 18 per cent in America, but fell 27 per cent in Germany and 21 per cent in Japan.

Ford's European profits, which exclude Jaguar but embrace Ford's other UK operations, rose 20 per cent to $108 million.

Porsche demand gears up

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

PORSCHE, the sports car maker that skidded to a record loss last year, came roaring back with an 81.9 per cent increase in registrations in the first quarter of 1994, the fastest growth of any German car group.

Michael Schimpke, head of information, said the recovery in demand had been accompanied by "corresponding improvement in productivity and profitability". Britain, its biggest export market after America, had been "very positive".

A sharp improvement in Porsche's fortunes is likely to dampen speculation of a takeover by one of Germany's volume car makers.

Herr Schimpke said demand had been particularly strong for its 911 Carrera models, which saw an 81 per cent rise in unit sales in the first eight months of the financial year.

Porsche is still expected to post a net loss of between DM140-DM150 million this year.

Decision on Lancer sale likely next week

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INTERNATIONAL industrial machinery group has emerged ahead of Germany's Jungheinrich as the highest bidder for the collapsed Lancer Boss fork-lift truck company.

Administrative receivers to the business, which employs almost 550 people in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, will spend the weekend evaluating three firm offers to take over the plant.

Jungheinrich, the Hamburg-based lift truck company that bought Lancer's German subsidiary from a receiver two weeks ago, has failed to secure a quick takeover of the British parent.

By bidding too low, Jungheinrich, the world's third-largest lift truck maker, appears to have left the door open to one of its rivals. Speculation at the plant has focused on Clark Materials Handling, a US company.

Clark, which ranked eighth in the fork truck market worldwide last year, already has a European manufacturing plant in Germany. Its parent company, Terex Corporation, is no stranger to the British construction equipment market.

A third bid for Lancer Boss is understood to have been made by a British company, Hanson, which showed an interest, has not made a bid, despite its presence in construction machinery through Grove Cranes, which it acquired in 1986. Allan Griffiths, head of corporate recovery at Grant Thornton, the accountancy firm, and joint administrative receiver to Lancer, confirmed that a shortlist of three bidders had been drawn up. "I am reasonably confident that I will be in a position to complete a sale of the business by the end of next week," he said.

"This weekend and during next week, we will be evaluating the various bids that have been submitted and negotiating on terms." A preferred bidder could be announced as early as Wednesday.

Any buyer of Lancer's UK business will have to start operations in close collaboration with Jungheinrich. The Bedfordshire plant, which makes diesel trucks and container stackers, is integrated with Jungheinrich's newly acquired Steinbock Boss plant, near Munich, which concentrates on electric trucks. Each plant supplies the other with components.

However, the British plant also does assembly work for *Komatsu, the Japanese lift* truck maker ranked fourth in the world, and for BT Rolatruck, of Sweden, at number six.

So confident are the administrators that they will soon achieve a sale that they have decided to bring forward the plant's annual May shutdown. "In the circumstances, it was felt sensible to advance this to enable us to do a final stocktake," Mr Griffiths said.



Rudolph Agnew: strengthening Lasmo's bid defence

Enterprise share fall shrinks Lasmo bid

BY CARL MORTISHED

A FURTHER slide in Enterprise Oil shares cut the value of the company's bid for Lasmo from 150p to 138p per share. Enterprise shares have fallen by 7 per cent since the share and warrant offer for Lasmo was launched on Thursday, slicing £120 million off the bid's original £1.45 billion value.

Pressure from the Takeover Panel yesterday forced Enterprise to clarify its position on introducing a cash alternative after initial suggestions that it would not use cash. In a statement, Enterprise said it had made "no decision at this early stage ... about the possible introduction of a cash alternative".

Rudolph Agnew, Lasmo's chairman designate, is joining the company early. He was due to start after the departure of Lord Rees at the annual meeting on May 24, but Joe Darby, the chief executive, reckoned the skills of the man who led Consolidated Gold Fields' 1989 defence against Minorco were needed. "He is ideally qualified to help see off this unwelcome bid." Mr Darby said of Enterprise's offer yesterday: "We cannot understand it; we wonder if we are missing something."

The outcome of the bid will be heavily influenced by *PDFM, the fund management* group, which controls almost 15 per cent of Lasmo's shares, and by American investors which answer for 25 per cent.

Joe Darby, Lasmo's chief executive, stands to gain some £750,000 if the bid succeeds; he has a three-year rolling salary contract of £225,354 a year. Graham Hearne, his counterpart at Enterprise, received benefits worth £459,000 last year.

US company to create 400 jobs in Scotland

AN AMERICAN electronics company will create 400 jobs in Scotland, as a result of a decision to establish a £6 million manufacturing and warehousing complex at East Kilbride, near Glasgow. Chicago-based International Components Corporation, which designs and makes portable battery chargers, said it had considered Ireland and Eastern Europe before settling on Scotland.

Jim Gaza, president, said: "Worldwide demand for portable battery chargers is growing rapidly, alongside that for the products which depend on them, such as mobile phones and cordless power tools." Allan Stewart, Scottish Industry Minister, said selective financial assistance formed part of the package but declined to say how much, on grounds of commercial confidentiality.

Fed supports dollar

THE US Federal Reserve yesterday intervened heavily and repeatedly in support of the dollar, narrowly averting a fall to its all-time low against the Japanese yen of Y100.40. The New York Federal Reserve bought dollars against both the yen and mark, and Lloyd Bentsen, US Treasury Secretary, said the Fed was prepared to intervene again if necessary. In a statement, he said: "This is in line with our previously articulated policy which recognises that excessive volatility is counterproductive to growth."

Colliery to re-open

ANOTHER pit closed by British Coal is set to re-open under private management in a deal expected to be completed this weekend. Coal Investments, led by Malcolm Edwards, British Coal's former commercial director, hopes to lease Markham Main colliery near Doncaster, South Yorkshire. Legalities were being finalised yesterday and a deal is expected to be signed before next week, leading to the recruitment of miners and resumption of production this year.

Resignation hits PCI

PLANS by Pittencrieff to demerge PCI, its telecommunications subsidiary, suffered a setback when Bob Wolsey abruptly resigned as chairman "to pursue other business interests". Shares in Pittencrieff fell 19p on the news but recovered to close down 11p at 336p. Mr Wolsey was on a three-year rolling contract and may receive compensation. Terry Heneaghan, chief executive of Pittencrieff, will take over as chairman of PCI until a permanent replacement is found.

Aran issues warning

LOW oil prices have forced Aran, the Dublin oil exploration group, to cut back its exploration plans. The company doubled oil and gas production last year, raising pre-tax profits from I£3 million to I£5.7 million (£5.5 million) but it warned that the outlook for the group in 1994 is dependent on prevailing oil prices during the year. Currently, cash flow and operating profits are below expected levels, reports Michael Whelan, chief executive, causing the group to modify exploration plans.

Grampian tunes profit

COST-cutting and a pick-up in advertising revenues at Grampian Television offset the loss of Channel Four airtime sales and underpinned an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £3.8 million (£3.2 million), in the year to February 28. The dividend for the year rises from 6.1p to 7.5p, with a final of 6p. Earnings per share climbed to 18.71p, from 15.68p, and Grampian's share of network advertising revenue rose to 1.17 per cent, from 1.09 per cent. The company's A shares added 7p, to 266p.

Hunters £9.4m cash call

HUNTERS Armley Group, the printing company with bases in Leeds and London, is raising £9.4 million through a rights issue to finance expansion. About £5.6 million will be used to equip new plant in Bradford and the rest held in reserve for suitable acquisitions. Investors are being offered one new share for every four held at 192p per share. Existing shares fell 9p to 295p. David Bird, the chairman, said he was very encouraged by trading in the first six months of the company's financial year.

Kidder seeks return of $9m from trader

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

KIDDER Peabody, the Wall Street investment bank, is to ask for the return of a $9 million bonus from its former chief government bond trader, sacked for allegedly creating fictitious profits on which his pay package was calculated.

A spokesman for Kidder confirmed it has begun formal proceedings seeking the money from Joseph Jett, 36, who is allegedly to have created $350 million of illusory profits from bond transactions to boost his pay.

Mr Jett has not commented on the allegations.

Investigations into the affair are being conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US Attorney's office and an internal team led by Gary Lynch, former SEC enforcement official. While most of the phantom profits were made in 1993, the practice now appears to have started a year earlier. Mr Jett was hired by Kidder in 1991 and promoted to head the government bond trading desk a year later.

Wall Street is speculating that GE, the electronic and financial conglomerate that owns Kidder, has put it back on the auction block.

The bond-trading scandal cost GE $210 million in reduced profits and robbed Jack Welch, its chairman, of record first-quarter results. At the time, Mr Welch said: "Having this reprehensible scheme, which violates everything we believe in and stand for and breaks our more-than-decade long string of no surprises, has all of us damn mad."

Helene goes for growth by acquisition

HELENE, the fashion group that acquired Gabicci for £5.5 million last year, is searching for new acquisitions, though it ended 1993 with gearing of 186 per cent (Martin Barrow writes).

The enlarged group increased taxable profits to £4.5 million, from £2.4 million in 1992. Gabicci, which became part of Helene in April 1993, contributed £780,000. But a shake-up after the takeover, involving job cuts and closures, cost £2 million.

Helene suffered a warehouse fire last September. This destroyed £1.7 million of stock and lost the group £5.1 million in sales. Insurance money for the stock has been received, along with £500,000 for interruption of business.

The total dividend is unchanged at 2.01p.

Saatchi chief is firm's highest-paid director

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

CHARLES Scott, who became chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi on April 1, 1993, ousted Maurice Saatchi, the chairman, as the group's highest-paid director, the 1993 annual reports shows.

But the group's highest-paid individual employee was again Carl Spielvogel, who heads the BSB Worldwide advertising division, whose remuneration was unchanged at $1.1 million for the year to December 31, to which is added $24,947 of benefits.

Excluding pension contributions, Mr Scott was paid £338,022, which included a £20,598 bonus relative to the previous year, compared with Mr Saatchi's £312,500 package. However, in line with the previous year's practice, Mr Saatchi waived the whole £312,500. Charles Saatchi, who resigned as a director on December 3, and whose emoluments as detailed in the report totalled £290,064 (excluding pension) also waived payment. He continues to provide services to the group as an employee of a subsidiary undertaking.

Total emoluments, pension costs and fees of all directors totalled £1.77 million, against £1.72 million previously. The report states that no bonuses are to be paid to directors in respect of 1993.

Maurice Saatchi tells shareholders that the revenue outlook for 1994 is difficult, and that because clients are cautious about their planned level of expenditure, 1994 revenues are likely to be lower than in 1993.

Watchdog to be a 'pale shadow' of Goode vision



Palmer: confidence issue

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Goode committee's recommendations for a statutory regulator for company pension schemes will be watered down into yet another self-regulatory body when the Government publishes its White Paper this summer, a committee member predicted yesterday.

Stuart James, head of the pensions department at Rowe & Maw, the solicitor, told the National Association of Pension Funds' annual conference in Brighton: "The Government will cherry-pick and will move away from some of our less palatable recommendations. The pensions regulator will be a self-regulator, paid for by the industry and will be a pale shadow of our recommended regulator."

The Goode committee said the regulator should be established and paid for by the Government and have a wide range of responsibilities. He or she would approve payments of surpluses, schemes wind-ups and amendments, removal of trustees, resolve disputes, provide information and guidelines and ensure minimum funding levels as well as investigating possible abuses and rule breaches.

William Hague, the minister with responsibility for pension matters, told the conference: "Any regulator should have the necessary powers to take appropriate action to protect the interests of members without imposing an unreasonable burden on well-run schemes".

Mr James said: "A lot of people are concerned about their pensions and have lost confidence. Even if we have lost only one-tenth of our members, that is still between one and two million people. We must keep them and get them back".

Joe Palmer, chairman of the Personal Investment Authority, said public confidence also needed to be restored in personal pensions. Evidence is continuing to emerge of widespread mis-selling of personal pensions to people in company schemes and the state earnings related pension scheme. He said: "Although the level of inappropriate advice that has been given to investors in this area is unknown, it is clear that a problem does exist and standards will have to be raised".

But he refuted claims that insurance companies' commitment to paying salesmen comission was partly to blame. He said: "A lot of people are justifiably worried about salesmen being paid on a commission basis. But I am not convinced that changing the commission basis is a panacea. Disclosure will help reasonably because it will help clients understand how much of their premium was set aside for costs."

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Martin Broughton, chief executive at BAT Industries, maintains his $1bn acquisition of American Tobacco will not slow up BAT's ambitions on the financial services front, which include the prospect of buying a European insurance company or even a building society in Britain.

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British Gas: **Cedric Brown and Richard Giordano**

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Ross Tieman finds an intellectually agile double-act reshaping Britain's tenth largest company



Cedric Brown, left, chief executive of British Gas, says the chemistry with the new chairman, Richard Giordano, is working

A shareholder at the British Gas annual meeting in Birmingham this week asked Cedric Brown, the chief executive, how safety would be assured under the impending competitive regime.

As he listened, Brown assumed a typical pose: right arm crooked, he rested his chin on his left hand, forefinger extended across his lip.

At his left hand side, Richard Giordano, the chairman, assumed an identical position.

There can be few clearer signs of the amount of time these two have spent together since Giordano was appointed head of Britain's tenth biggest company in January. For all his £450,000 pay packet, Giordano was supposed to be a part-time chairman. But as he admitted to one shareholder this week, planning the massive restructuring of British Gas has turned out to be more time-consuming than he expected. Giordano has already given up one other non-executive appointment to make time, and will announce his resignation from a second company within a fortnight.

> "We both have similar views about change, giving people the space to get on and develop the business"

By his own account, Giordano is now devoting far more than the three days a week he intended to British Gas. His pay packet may seem fat, but his skills do not come cheap. As chief executive of BOC, the industrial gases group, Giordano, a New Yorker by birth, was once the best-paid man in British industry. Before he finally resigned, pleading the need for a new challenge, in 1992, his salary had topped £1 million a year.

Part of Giordano's value was amply demonstrated on Thursday, when he chaired the British Gas annual meeting with consummate skill.

Shareholders had plenty to complain about. Profits are falling before the combined assaults of a severe price cap and featherbedded competitors. As it shapes up for the introduction of a fully competitive gas market from 1998, British Gas is shedding a third of its 70,000 employees. In the course of this £1.6 billion restructuring, the company is being transformed from a secure British monopoly into a business with an international outlook.

When British Gas was privatised in 1976, gas supply was perceived as a natural monopoly. But a new model has since emerged in privatisations: the idea of a single core network closely regulated, open to a host of service providers at an identical price. This concept is being increasingly applied in electricity, railways, telecommunications and now belatedly — retrospectively — in gas.

Because British Gas will retain control of the pipeline system, the core of its present business and profitability will be preserved, although tightly regulated. But as competition in supply is extended gradually to the household level, the company must inevitably shrink its supply business as it becomes just one among many players. After years of inertia, the rapid reshaping is now becoming apparent to gas customers, of whom about two million are shareholders. Standards of service remain high.

But hundreds of gas showrooms are closing, payment systems are being changed and safety arrangements are being reviewed. Meat enough for a thousand shareholder grumbles.

Yet by giving small shareholders at the Birmingham meeting the time, listening respectfully, and sometimes responding constructively to their concerns, Giordano was able to draw the sting from their attacks.

Demonstrators outside the hall, protesting about job losses, were equally taken aback when Giordano went out and invited them to a meeting to discuss their concerns.

The contrast between Giordano's astute charm and the tongue-tied clumsiness of his predecessor, Bob Evans, gives reason to hope that at long last British Gas has learnt how to jump through the regulatory hoop and land on its feet.

If the trick is mastered, Giordano will not be the only one deserving of praise. For what seems to be emerging at the helm of British Gas, after so many years of bull-in-a-china-shop bluster, is an articulate and intellectually agile double-act.

Cedric Brown is not just Giordano's right-hand man. At 59, he is exactly a year younger than Giordano and must have been disappointed not to get the top job himself — although he is far too canny to give any hint of that.

He had, however, been in the chief executive's role for only 16 months when Giordano was hired.

It is not surprising that the board looked outside. The top table at British Gas is turning into a class act too. It includes Lord Walker, former Energy Secretary and adviser to Michael Heseltine, Stanley Kalms of Dixons, and in the finance seat Philip Rogerson, previously at ICL. They will be joined by Michael Perry, chairman of Unilever, and Keith Mackrell, formerly of Shell International.

The need at British Gas today, reflected in the changing composition of its board, is for top-notch international experience in a range of disciplines. Brown was raised in Yorkshire, left school at 16, trained as an engineer and is a lifelong gas man. He lacked the necessary breadth. But everything in his CV points to a remarkable capacity to adapt, learn and accommodate change.

Brown's profound knowledge of British Gas and its business, coupled with Giordano's expertise in restructuring, running a big-league international company and charming all and sundry in the process, make for a formidable combination.

Talking to Giordano and Brown together, it is clear they have formed an effective working partnership. Each leaves the other space to speak and implicitly recognises his expertise.

"I think the chemistry is working pretty well," says Brown. "I think we have a similar approach to the business. We both have similar views about change, about the need to push things down the business, giving people responsibility, authority and the accountability that goes with it, giving people the space to get on and develop the business."

At the same time, Brown acknowledges the value added by his boss: "To have somebody like Dick in the chairman's seat, with all that expertise of different parts of the globe and the feel and the knowledge, is very important," he says.

Important because the business of British Gas is changing. Shareholders this week criticised non-executives on the board for failing to prevent the hostile relationship that grew up between the company and the former head of Ofgas, the industry regulator, Sir James McKinnon.

With Clare Spottiswoode installed at Ofgas, Michael Heseltine pulling strings for British companies in the Department of Trade and Industry, and a more sassy set of executives at British Gas, the company seems to have left the era of overt conflict with Ofgas behind.

Complaints from Ofgas about lack of information and co-operation have ceased. Rather, Giordano and Brown appear to have concluded that openness offers the best hope of getting favourable adjudications from the regulator. According to Spottiswoode, it is the Government, rather than British Gas, that is now dragging its feet on the path to competition.

No, the international expertise has another purpose. With the clamps firmly applied to profit growth at home, British Gas is going global.

Thanks to early exploitation of its North Sea reserves, Britain has a much more sophisticated gas distribution system than almost any other country, a world lead in technology and a reputation to match. The company's new flame-on-a-globe logo, unveiled on Thursday, underlines the determination to exploit those qualities.

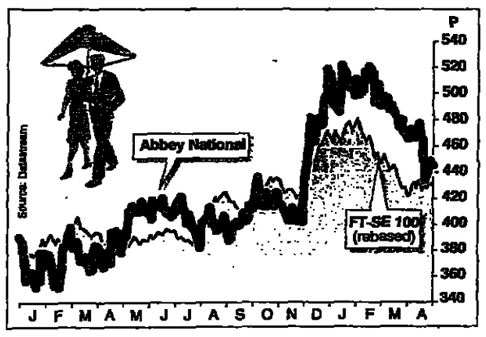
In the past, British Gas managers have boasted that they were spoiled for choice in overseas opportunities. But that is only half the story. They also lacked the international expertise to exploit them. With Giordano and Brown working in tandem, the risk that British Gas will fall over its own feet in the rush to expand overseas is much reduced.

By the end of the century, British Gas hopes to build up a leading international position in gas exploration and production, in distribution, and in gas-fired power generation. In the rapidly growing regions of Latin America and Asia, British Gas will seek to carve out a profits platform that will amply compensate for its loss of monopoly market share at home.

And all the time, Cedric Brown will be learning. He may be only a year younger than his boss, but the flame of ambition burns unsated in his breast. Today they are partners in power. In two years, or three, they may be rivals.

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A habit worth sticking to



THE threat of a price war from a Lloyds Bank/Cheltenham & Gloucester combine has sent Abbey National shares into a tailspin in the past two weeks, only slowed by the chairman's comforting words at Thursday's annual meeting, when he revealed a 20 per cent rise in first-quarter profits.

Abbey National does not need to surrender yet in the face of Lloyds' distant deal. Profits will continue to rise as bad debts fall, particularly in the European operations, which left a £100 million hole last year. Bad debt provisions are also falling at home as Abbey steadily reduces its stock of repossessed homes, down 13 per cent to 4,205 in the first quarter.

But Abbey cannot afford to be complacent if the future of the mortgage market belongs to the lowest cost producer. Its cost ratio is seven points above the Halifax, its nearest competitor, and in orbit compared with the C&G's.

But Abbey has competed against the C&G for years and it still has a share of the mortgage market more than double its proposed merged rival. The shares will undoubtedly be blown in every direction as the chances of Lloyds' proposed deal ebb and flow, since the market regards it as a pure mortgage play.

But given its record and its intention to reduce dividend cover, Abbey's shares, at ten times earnings forecast for this financial year, do not look expensive. There are few better places for its 2.6 million shareholders to keep their money, aside from the vaults of the next building society to demutualise.

Canadian Pizza

THE flood of new issues last year was bound to contain a few companies with soggy centres. Canadian Pizza may not be the first to issue a profit warning, but its fall has been spectacular.

Only five months ago, the company was launched on the market worth £34 million. Yesterday it was worth £21 million. Hard lines for the private investors that flooded the offer for sale.

This time the villains of the piece were the venture capitalists, led by Murray Johnstone. Just as conditions in the food manufacturing industry were becoming stormy, they chucked a management buyout vehicle — which had been operating barely more than a year — on to the stock market, and banked the proceeds. Canadian Pizza's management may not come out smelling much sweeter but at least they share in their shareholders' woes since they still own a quarter of the equity.

Canadian Pizza's dependence on a small range of products and customers makes it wholly unsuitable for a listing. It is difficult to believe that the company had no wind of a trading downturn or Sainsbury's decision until a fateful phone call last Friday. All the advisers who signed off the listing document that talked about "significant growth", "confidence" and "important new orders" should feel thoroughly uncomfortable.

Given the low quality of other recent flotations, Canadian Pizza will not be the last to fall flat.

Brands

WHICH brand accounts for the biggest advertising spend in the UK? If you guessed Gold Blend, Levi 501s or Kellogg's Corn Flakes, you would be wrong. You would also be wrong to name any brand of alcohol, cigarettes, detergent, car, airline or high-street bank.

For two years running, Tesco has been the dream account for advertising agencies and media buyers, spending £27 million last year, according to a report from Campaign, the advertising journal. In third place, after MacDonald's, is Sainsbury, which increased its spend by 44 per cent to £24.7 million.

But, surely store advertising is not about flogging brands? The embattled food retailers are just using the media to promote their discounts. Taken together, advertising spend on Unilever or Allied-Lyons brands would outstrip Tesco and Sainsbury, which in any case, are not plugging a brand ... or are they?

The hackles of Coca-Cola and about a dozen other brand manufacturers are rising, as supermarkets and other high street retailers fill their shelves with copy-cat products. Only fear of retaliation by the superstores keeps the manufacturers from sueing.

But the real injury in a copy-cat product to the brand leader is not the lost sale but the theft of their advertising spend.

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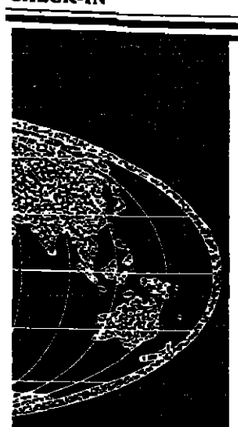
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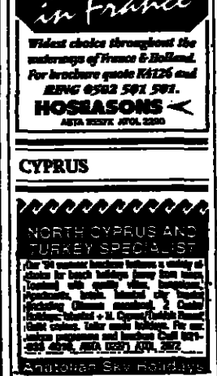
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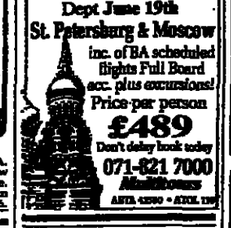
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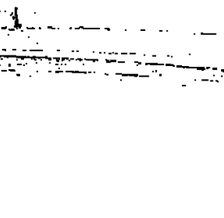
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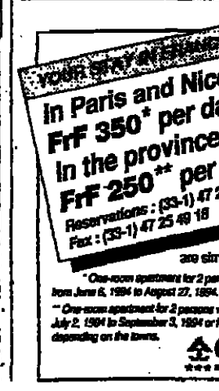
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Travelling hopefully ... at a bargain price

The first day of the Spring Bank Holiday prompts thoughts of piling the children in the Volvo and hopping over the Channel for a weekend break — or of flying off for a few days on a Mediterranean beach.

As the price war between the main tour operators gathers force, holidays, short or long, should soon be that much cheaper. This week, Thomson joined rivals in announcing lower prices both for the coming winter season, and the following summer.

Any fall in holiday prices signals the existence of a host of hidden bargains. Thomson's announcement is just another reason why holidaymakers and other travellers should shop around for cheaper alternatives, rather than accept the first price offered.

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■ **Credit cards:** Issuers often offer special travel and holiday deals to credit card users. *(see below left)*. These may be straight discounts on any holiday of the card holder's choice, or deals arranged with a specific operator. Many have strings attached, such as a requirement to take out a travel insurance policy, or to travel at a certain time of the year.

■ **Travel agents:** These are still one of the best sources of cheap fares for those prepared to do the rounds before buying. Independents may be a better bet than the large high street chains as they tend to be more prepared to hunt down bargains, and less bothered about commission. Most of the big chains are part of larger groups, which also include tour operators and airlines. There have been several stories of agents directing customers towards the company's own products under the guise of independent advice. The companies deny this, but there is no harm in familiarising oneself with the travel group's own brand names before visiting its high street outlets.

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☐ **Drawbacks:** Discounted fares often mean inconvenient travel dates and flight times. The best deals normally involve early booking or gambling on last-minute bargains. Cancellation penalties are hefty and refunds rare, though the Consumers' Association says travellers should enjoy what is in the brochure, however little is paid.

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National Westminster offers one Air Mile for every £20 spent using a NatWest Access MasterCard.

The Norwich & Peterborough Building Society owns the Catours travel agency chain. All customers qualify for travel discounts, ranging from £10 off a £150 holiday to £180 off one costing £2,000. Cheap rates normally apply to fixed two-week packages, however, rather than weekend breaks. All N&P customers using the service must also take out a Catours travel insurance policy, for which they are given a 25 per cent premium discount.

American Express offers a range of special offers and discounts to globetrotting gold cardholders in areas such as travel, hotels, car rental and medical insurance. Amex "spring savers" this year include a £232 return flight to New York. The company's Gold Card Travel Service offers "membership miles", which can be converted into a wide range of travel services.

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Still patronising the punters



LINDSAY COOK
Deputy Business Editor

After years of salesmen targeting high net worth individuals — wealthy people in ordinary speak — to sell investment plans, a new desirable category has been devised by the financial regulators: vulnerable people.

They do not read all the information and if they are given a detailed explanation of charges and expenses will be confused. And anyway, if they kick up a fuss later who will believe them?

According to a survey published by the Securities and Investments Board this week, 47 per cent of all investors exhibit some vulnerability, 17 per cent are completely vulnerable and only 36 per cent are not patronised in this way by the regulators.

Only 25 per cent of the vulnerable people are male, 27 per cent are from the ABC1 social classifications, but they can be virtually any age with 78 per cent coming from the wide band of 25 to 59.

Investors, questioned on two versions of investment information that it is proposed should be given at the point of sale, seemed to find little to choose between the two, although twice as many preferred the more detailed version for charges and expenses.

But the vulnerable people were in the words of the regulators "less likely to prefer the more detailed format" fearing they would not understand it.

The investment industry might, even now, try to claim that it has been trying to protect these vulnerable people all along while brushing down the leaflets for the most commission-laden products and heading off to find a few of them for when the new disclosure rules start to be implemented from July.

It will be mortified to learn how out of touch it is on charges though. For the six years since the Financial Services Act came into force, the industry has said that the simplest way to tell customers of the charges and expenses is to give them the reduction in growth rate.

This, in effect, says that if the fund were to achieve a notional 7.5 per cent growth per year for the full term of the policy, the charges would reduce this to 6.2 per cent. Or it would be the equivalent of deducting 17.3p from every £1 paid in.

Now isn't that easier than being told that on a £100 a month policy £870 will go in commission during the first year and £30 a year after that and that over the full 25-year term the amount you might get back is reduced by £1,590 in commission and £12,710 in other deductions?

The pence in the pound or percentages seem much smaller than the true effect of the costs. Investors should be told clearly what the costs are so that they can judge whether the investment performance is likely to offset the overheads that the company will charge against the investment.

Fools rush in

Timing is everything in investment, which can be scary for novices. March was the best-ever month for unit trust sales, as investors flooded out of low-paying savings accounts and into equities. Tomorrow May starts and folklore has it they should sell and go away.

The last time the unit trust sales records were broken was in September 1987 — the month before world stock markets crashed. This time, again, most of the money was in lump sums, and the investors will be eyeing unit prices nervously. Despite the £1.3 billion of net new investment, funds under management fell more than £3 billion as share prices slid. Much of the money was piled into the market as the deadline for 1993-94 Peps drew close. Investment criteria took second place to getting £6,000 into the market in a tax-free account.

Tax incentives have long had a greater influence over investors than the safer approach of putting little and often into the market. Those who wait for the best time to invest their £6,000 seem never to find it and rush in before the financial year-end. If they put £500 a month into a savings plan they would sleep more easily and get the advantage of buying more units if the market falls. It is not too late to learn in this financial year.

Issuing note of caution

The police expect counterfeit £50 notes to reach the streets next month, writes Robert Miller



Graham Kentfield, the Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, with the real £50 note

Counterfeiters are already trying to reproduce the new £50 note that was issued by the Bank of England 10 days ago, police intelligence sources say. In spite of an additional security device incorporated into the new note, the first fakes are expected on the streets within the next month. If you are given a counterfeit note you have no rights to compensation.

The new note has a silver foil rose and medallion in the design. The Bank of England is asking people to study posters of the notes on display in bank and building society branches. A Bank of England official comments: "You must check all your notes before accepting them. Once you have taken the notes, you have actually lost money because they are worthless."

More than £18 million of counterfeit money was seized by the authorities last year, much of it before it reached the streets, compared with £5 million in 1992.

If you do spot a counterfeit note while it is being handed to you by a bank teller or a shop assistant then it can be changed there and then for a genuine one. If you only discover it afterwards, you cannot have it exchanged.

Jackie Bennett, a spokeswoman for the South East Regional Crime Squad (Sercs), which this month seized counterfeit money with a street value of more than £5 million from a premises in north London, said: "Once you have identified the note as counterfeit, you cannot take it back. It must be handed to the police. Nor can it be passed on, because to do so is a criminal offence."

A print run of counterfeit money was actually in progress when the Sercs officers swooped. The haul included £50, £20 and £10 notes, US dollars, Irish punts and Spanish pesetas as well as negatives and plates.

Not all counterfeiting is so sophisticated, however. Last week, two men were jailed for five years for printing £1.5 million in fake £20 notes using a Canon photocopier and typewriter correction fluid.

Acting Inspector Stephen Putman, of the National Criminal Intelligence Service's counterfeiting currency unit, says: "You do not need special equipment to detect a counterfeit note. With all the security features built into the Bank of England's notes, you can tell by sight and touch."

He added that counterfeit notes in foreign currencies produced in the UK are usually destined for organised crime overseas. If you are passed one while abroad, however, your insurer may not pay out. A spokeswoman for the Association of British Insurers said: "It probably won't be covered by your travel insurance. It falls under the category of deception and not theft. When abroad, use a well-known bank or an official bureau de change. Your travel company representative can recommend one."

Spot the fake

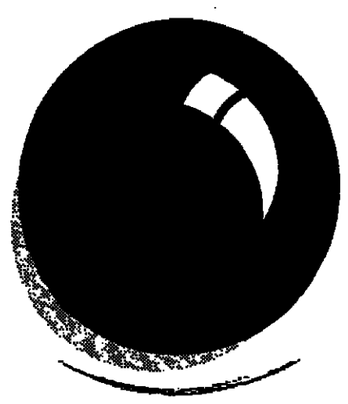
- The paper should be crisp and slightly rough in the heavily printed areas. It should not be limp, waxy or shiny.
- The watermark should hardly be apparent until the note is held up to the light, when a clearly defined portrait should show.
- All genuine notes have a thread embedded in the paper. The "windowed" thread used in recent notes appears as a series of silver dashes on the front. The thread in older notes is buried in the paper. In all notes, when held up to the light, the thread appears as a continuous line.
- The printing should be sharp and well defined, the colours clear and distinct.
- Check your note again if it fluoresces. This can happen when passed under an ultra violet light lamp such as those used in shops and petrol stations. Genuine notes should not fluoresce but many in fact do so after coming into contact with washed articles because of the brightening agents in detergents.

Bank facts

- One of the earliest bank notes in the Bank of England Museum is 14th Century Ming Dynasty. The Chinese characters on it state: "To counterfeit is death".
- The watermark on Bank of England notes was introduced in 1697.
- The special white paper with watermarks has been made since 1724 by Portals Ltd of Hampshire.
- The wave line watermark was introduced in 1801.
- Between 1797 and 1821 some 600 people were convicted of forgery. Of these around 300 were executed and the remainder transported to Australia.
- In 1943 the Bank stopped issuing notes above £10 as part of a move to counteract German forgeries flooding the country.
- A bank teller in Hong Kong had no problem spotting fake hundred dollar bills recently. Hundred was spelt Hunderd.

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HP boosts safety for car buyers

Spreading payment is accelerating. **Margaret Dibben** explains why

Buying cars on hire purchase is becoming more common. Almost 60 per cent more cars were bought on HP this February than last. For drivers, paying through HP is safer than taking bank loans because of the protection provided by the Consumer Credit Act. With a hire purchase agreement, the finance house has as great an obligation as the dealer to provide a serviceable car. You can claim against the lender if the dealer defaults.

And HP can be cheaper. At present, annual percentage rates for HP range from 9 to 15 per cent; personal loans cost between 17 and 25 per cent. Margaret Waldren, secretary of the Finance & Leasing Association, says: "There is such competition at the moment that there are good deals around. It is definitely a buyers' market."

The car dealer has an agreement with a finance house and earns commission from signing you up. But you do not have to accept the package offered by the garage. You can arrange the HP with a finance house direct, though this is not necessarily cheaper, because of the special promotions to be had. Often, manufacturers will subsidise the cost of credit to boost their sales of new cars.

Mrs Waldren advises: "Do your homework. Always shop around for quotes for hire purchase, just as you shop around for the car."



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HIRE purchase is unlike most other forms of credit. Although the car can be driven home immediately, it does not become the buyer's property until the final payment is made; if the buyer falls behind with payments, the company can take the car back and, as a hirer, the buyer loses the money already paid. The car can be sold by the buyer before the end of the agreement but only after the finance company has been informed and the debt paid off.

The usual deposit is 20 per cent, though more is allowed. Typical agreements last three years but can last four or be less. Loans can be paid off early but there are penalty charges for very early settlement. Peter Symonds, of United Dominions Trust, said: "Do not take a four-year loan if you think you are going to settle it six months later. It is not in the interest of the finance company or the customer."

Other types of credit sale include:

☐ Conditional sale is similar to HP except legally the car is bought at the outset instead of at the end.

☐ Private contract purchase is a recent scheme from carmakers. The car is hired, only the depreciation is paid for. At the end of the term, you can return the car to the dealer or buy out the remaining value of the car.

Driving fraud off the road

Car fraud costs the credit industry £645 million a year (Margaret Dibben writes). One of the main problems arises when an owner sells a car with an outstanding hire purchase agreement, sometimes revealing the fact and sometimes not.

It is illegal to take over another person's hire purchase agreement, although if this is done innocently the buyer can keep the car once the fraud is discovered.

To avoid such dangers, potential buyers can run a rule over a second-hand car through HPI Autodata register (Tel: 0722 422422). For £15, HPI will immediately say whether it holds any information on the car such as outstanding finance agreements, insurance claims, changes to the registration number or whether it is on the police stolen vehicle register. One in three enquiries to HPI reveals a suspect car.

Tracking fraudsters is difficult, though tighter restrictions, which come into force tomorrow, should make it easier. The Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System (CIFAS) logs information on fraudulent cases that have been uncovered by banks, mortgage lenders and motor and retail credit providers. Credit granters check applications against the central register in case any adverse information is already known. Last year, CIFAS avoided nearly 18,000 potential frauds, which might have cost £20 million.

Originally, frauds could be filed with CIFAS only if they took place within the first six months of the contract. From tomorrow, any fraudulent activity within the life of an HP agreement, contract hire, rental or lease agreement will be noted. Alan Hilton, of CIFAS, said: "We think it will quadruple the number of filings in this area from our existing members and may attract others to join us."

The Association of British Insurers and the Greater Manchester Police have produced a video, *Car Buyer Beware*. It demonstrates how to avoid buying a stolen car and costs £5 including postage and packing from the ABI at 51 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HQ.

Invesco cut signals unit trust price war

TODAY'S announcement by Invesco that it will cut front-end charges on all unit trusts and personal equity plans from 5.25 to 3 per cent on May 3 could signal a unit trust price war (Robert Miller writes).

Until now, the competition to cut front-end charges by groups such as M&G, Fidelity and Murray Johnstone has been limited to their unit trust Peps. Lower front-end Pep charges have also generally been accompanied by exit penalties if the Pep plan is closed within five years.

Alan Wren, managing director of Invesco, said: "We are stepping up the pressure by a straightforward slashing of our charges. There are no early withdrawal charges or varying charges on different funds. We will also be offering a free switching facility between our unit trusts."

The loss of income to Invesco resulting from the lower front-end charges will be made up for by having far more funds under management and the annual charges said Mr Wren. The annual charges range between 0.375 and 1.5 per cent. Invesco is now streamlining its 32 unit trusts down to 21.

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Government allowances are to be raised, **Conal Gregory** reports



Playing the game: financial awards by the Government's Assisted Places Scheme, launched a dozen years ago, can exceed £3,000 a year for places at leading public schools

School fees help on the way

The annual increase in independent school fees has fallen below the national average increase in earnings for the first time since 1985, according to figures released by the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis). School fees rose by an average of 2.6 per cent last year, the lowest increase in fees since 1982.

The number of pupils receiving help with fees has also risen steadily since 1982 and such pupils now account for more than 27 per cent of the 600,000 children in 2,500 independent schools in the UK and the Irish Republic. Almost 18 per cent receive help from schools, in the form of scholarships and bursaries, and almost 7 per cent are funded by the Government's Assisted Places Scheme.

The scheme, which has been operating since the 1981-82 school year, ensures that academically able children can take up places for which tuition fees would otherwise be beyond their families' means. Eric Forth MP, the schools minister, recently announced an uprating in the fees allowance. More than 29,000 pupils now have assisted places and last summer more than 92 per cent of GCSE entries from this group resulted in grades A-C, against 50 per cent in all schools.

More than 300 independent schools in England and Wales participate in the scheme, with an additional 3,000 pupils in 56 schools in Scotland. The scheme does not operate in Northern Ireland.

Financial assistance is available for the tuition fees, including the cost of course books, on a sliding scale linked to family income. "Relevant income" is the gross sum from all sources, less an allowance for each dependent child other than the assisted place holder and for each other financially dependent relative of the parents. The calculation disregards child benefit, mobility allowance, some other social security benefits and any scholarships. The school bursar will assist with the calculation. Parents need to show documentary evidence, such as form P60 or a Schedule D or E tax assessment, as a condition of being granted an assisted place. Applications must be made afresh each year. The scheme is not designed to cover the cost of boarding, school meals, uniform, or travel to and from the school. Some schools or local education authorities may help with boarding costs.

The value of an award under the scheme also depends on the tuition fees. In the current year, this could amount to £3,275 at Charterhouse, £2,736 at Stowe and £2,692 at Gresham's.

Further details are available from: Department of Education (0325 392161); Welsh Education Department (0222 761456, ext 5362); Independent Schools Information Service (071 630 8793); Scottish Office Education Department (031 244 5521); Scottish Council of Independent Schools (031 220 2106).

There is also a Music and Ballet Scheme that ensures specialist training. More than 500 children with exceptional musical and dance ability, who might otherwise be unable to receive specialist tuition, are assisted each year. As with the Assisted Places Scheme, parents receive help with school fees on a sliding scale linked to income.

'Relevant income' is gross income before tax deductions. £1,140 may be deducted for each dependent child or relative, other than the candidate. Parents' Annual Contribution to Fees 1994/95 for Academic Year 1994/95

'Relevant income' in 1993/94 tax year (after allowances for dependants)	One assisted place holder	For each of two assisted place holders	For each of three assisted place holders
£	£	£	£
Up to 9325	nil	nil	nil
10,000	72	51	39
11,000	198	147	114
12,000	348	261	201
15,000	954	714	555
20,000	2,322	1,740	1,350
25,000	3,969	2,976	2,313

The Department of Education publishes tables of eligibility up to £34,817 (one assisted place holder), £42,078 (two) and £50,381 (three). *Source:* ISIS

The Halifax Building Society has improved the rates on its Stepped Income Reserve and Guaranteed Reserve investment accounts. The former now pays 10 per cent gross in year five on minimum investments of £2,000 while the latter pays gross interest of 7.15 per cent for a three-year fixed term on £10,000-plus, instead of 6.85 per cent.

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Small investors start here


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Tiwi Urquhart-Stewart has BT and Shell shares. She regularly insists that her father fills the car at a Shell station

It is never too early to introduce children to the stock market, writes Liz Gill

As a boy of eight, Justin Urquhart-Stewart, now director of planning at Barclay's Stockbrokers, was given a hundred shares in the South Downs bus company.

He says: "Goodness knows what I said to my friends about the bus that took us to school in Brighton suddenly being 'my bus', but I very quickly learnt that the two shillings dividend equalled four Mars Bars. For me it wasn't a question of saving for the future, but I was beginning to understand something about how money works."

A generation on, his daughter, Tiwi, nine, regularly insists that he drive past rival garages until they reach a Shell station because she has shares in the company.

"Some people say you should not turn children into mini-capitalists, but there is a difference between creating greed and creating responsibility. The sooner you educate them in these matters, the better their chance of securing their future financially. And the way things are going, with an ageing population, we shall all have to be looking after our own investments."

Jonathan Close-Brooks, a director of Seymour Pierce Butterfield, the stockbroker, frequently encourages his clients to bring their sons and daughters to his office.

"This is my personal opinion, but I find that familiarity with the use of money, developed at an early age, breeds sense about it. It's better than suddenly finding out when you're 18 that you have this wealth when the temptation can be to rush out and spend it all on the good things of life."

Rather than buy his seven godchildren "some tacky gold-plated spoon", Mr Urquhart-Stewart solved the christening gift problem by setting up an investment trust savings scheme for them into which he pays £25 a month.

"They get monthly statements, the prospectus and dividends, and each parent has a letter from me saying that when they come of age I will take them to tea at Fortnums and give them a cheque for their part."

ProShare, which promotes share ownership, is currently running its second National Investment Programme competition among 1,500 schools and colleges. Teams of 16 to 19-year-olds are asked to invest an imaginary £20,000 legacy over a four-month period and then judged on how their portfolio has improved.

The aim, says Emma Kane, head of communications, is to increase familiarity with personal investment, generate interest in the nation's economy and raise awareness of how events at home and overseas affect the market. "It also helps them understand the relationship between risk and reward."

Learning the lesson that shares can go down as well as up is a salutary one for the child. Mr Urquhart-Stewart says. "You can help them work out why one company goes down while another grows. You don't want them to live in a fool's paradise, so one of the things they can learn is that 'if you blow this, there's no more'."

JUNIOR investment is not simply a matter of parents handing over cash to offspring. Because the law cannot enforce a debt or a contract against a minor, children are "beneficial" rather than legal owners of investments such as shares, which must be held on their behalf by nominees.

These can be family members, friends, solicitors or stockbrokers. Their names are on the shares, with the child's name or initials on the dealer's contract note and on a designation form added to the registration details.

Jonathan Close-Brooks said: "If a parent gives money to a child and it is invested, the income and capital gains are considered to be the parent's and taxed as such.

"However, if it is given by any other person, a grandparent, for example, or a godparent, the money is considered to be the child's. The income from it qualifies for the personal allowance of £3,445 and any capital gains below the annual exemption of £5,800 are not taxed. So the investment can be quite substantial before the child is liable for tax."

■ Serious investment on children's behalf should be directed towards investment or unit trusts that spread the risk. The children can still follow their fortunes via the financial pages and annual reports.

■ The ecologically aware may want investments that have a green policy. Information from The Ethical Investment Research Service, 71 Bond Way, London, SW8 1SQ. Tel: 071 735 1351.

■ If the aim is more a flutter for fun, pick shares to which the child can relate: football clubs, although their fortunes tend to be mixed, high street shops or companies with family connections, as employers, for instance. But remember, commission fees on small portfolios can be relatively high.

■ Form an investment club — a group of adults who pledge a monthly sum and then decide what shares to buy and sell — and involve the children in meetings. Some schools have run investment clubs for pupils. ProShare can send a guest speaker such as a stockbroker to speak in schools.

■ Look for companies which produce interesting literature, or which offer perks to shareholders. Children and adults can join the ProShare Association, which offers a beginners' guide to the Stock Market, for £30 a year. Freepost Proshare UK Ltd, KE8391, London, EC2B 2LD. Tel: 071 971 0061.

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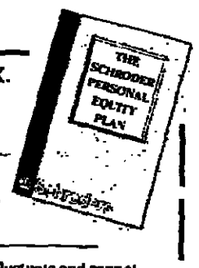
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Pensions				
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Bull	23.18	24.40	- 0.21	...
Stag	24.65	26.16	+ 0.29	...
Gilt Edged	22.40	23.67	+ 0.12	...
Deposit	19.93	20.98	...	...
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1982 Series				
UK Equity	342.52	360.71	+ 0.94	...
N Amer Equity	281.18	295.98	- 1.07	...
Far East Equity	422.08	444.29	- 5.88	...
Fixed	284.60	299.59	+ 1.55	...
Cash Deposit	201.10	211.69	...	...
Property	156.20	164.42	...	...
Special Opp	394.62	415.39	- 1.06	...
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-do- Acc	516.80	544.10	- 2.00	...
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-do- Acc	221.40	233.10	+ 0.90	...
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-do- Acc	1089.4	1146.8	- 3.90	...
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Cash	153.80	162.70	+ 0.20	...
Overseas	192.00	203.10	+ 0.10	...
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Property	295.60	311.20	...	...
Money Market	247.90	261.00	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	309.20	325.50	- 0.10	...
Japan	414.60	436.50	- 1.30	...
North America	155.60	163.80	+ 3.20	...
International	306.50	322.70	+ 1.30	...
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For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	192.60	202.80	- 6.50	...
Managed Fund	602.30	633.90	+ 4.00	...
Equity Fund	339.20	357.10	- 3.30	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	289.10	304.40	+ 0.80	...
Ruby	176.60	185.90	+ 0.80	...
Emerald	141.60	149.10	- 1.00	...
Equity	321.80	338.80	+ 2.30	...
Property	221.20	232.90	+ 0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	199.20	209.70	- 3.40	...
Indexed Secs	164.80	173.50	- 0.10	...
Cash	183.80	193.50	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	213.40	224.70	+ 0.80	...
Far East	326.30	343.50	- 3.40	...
International	240.70	253.40	+ 0.80	...
Special Sits	338.90	356.80	+ 1.80	...
Intl Income	288.80	304.10	- 1.20	...
American Inc	188.00	197.90	- 2.10	...
European	316.90	333.60	+ 1.30	...
Japanese	156.50	164.80	+ 0.90	...
SE Asia	357.20	376.10	- 2.10	...
With Profits Reg	157.80	166.20	+ 0.30	...
-do- Spec	157.80	166.20	+ 0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	322.20	339.20	+ 0.20	...
Equity	377.00	396.90	+ 0.30	...
Property	205.20	216.00	- 1.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	244.40	257.30	- 4.50	...
Index Linked	171.80	180.90	- 0.80	...
Cash	243.70	256.60	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	261.80	275.60	+ 0.40	...
Far East Acc	343.50	361.60	- 0.60	...
International Acc	310.00	326.40	- 1.60	...
Special Sits	485.80	511.40	+ 3.30	...
European Flex	447.20	470.80	+ 5.80	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Unisk)Key	£220.00	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£310.02	...	...	...
-do- Cash	200.33	210.87	+ 0.09	...
-do- Equity	529.07	556.92	- 0.25	...
-do- Fxd Int	353.83	372.45	+ 1.63	...
-do- Managed	379.48	399.45	+ 0.27	...
-do- Property	356.11	374.85	+ 1.63	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.46	218.39	+ 0.02	...
-do- Cash Inv	297.35	313.01	- 0.24	...
-do- Equity Cap	1432.0	1507.4	+ 23.08	...
-do- Equity Inv	2052.4	2160.5	+ 34.51	...
-do- Fixed Cap	388.07	408.51	+ 5.69	...
-do- Fixed Inv	556.21	585.50	+ 8.54	...
-do- Index Cap	203.67	214.39	+ 0.51	...
-do- Index Inv	291.91	307.28	+ 0.94	...
Mngd Cap	567.41	597.29	+ 10.01	...
Mngd Inv	813.26	856.07	+ 14.91	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	2687.78	...	+ 9.70	...
Var Ann (5)	491.13	...	+ 0.84	...
Prime: Managed	403.60	424.90	+ 0.50	...
Prime: UK Equity	482.20	507.60	+ 0.90	...
Prime: Intl Equity	312.60	329.10	+ 0.70	...
Prime: Property	244.30	257.20	+ 1.50	...
Prime: Fxd Int	233.80	246.20	- 1.90	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	169.30	178.30	- 1.30	...
Prime: Cash	201.40	212.00	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1150.8	1211.3	+ 3.50	...
Equity Fund	1663.1	1750.6	+ 6.90	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	588.40	619.30	- 1.30	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	359.60	378.50	- 0.90	...
Life Equity Acc	806.20	848.60	- 3.60	...
Life Money Acc	295.70	311.30	+ 0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	828.20	871.70	+ 1.00	...
Life Intl Acc	506.20	532.80	+ 1.50	...
Life High Inc Acc	759.00	798.90	- 8.10	...
Life Property Acc	283.00	297.80	+ 0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1389.0	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	688.90	725.10	+ 4.10	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	171.90	181.00	- 0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	244.20	257.10	+ 0.10	...
-do- Series 2	158.40	166.80	...	...
Adventurous Fd	204.20	215.00	- 0.30	...
-do- Series 2	155.00	163.20	- 0.10	...
Performance Fd	253.80	267.20	+ 0.30	...
-do- Series 2	166.20	175.00	+ 0.30	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	139.20	146.60	- 1.80	...
UK Equity Fund	160.10	168.60	+ 0.20	...
Property Fund	121.20	127.50	+ 2.10	...
Envrnmntl Opps	160.50	169.00	+ 1.00	...
Euro Fund	191.90	202.10	+ 3.40	...
North Amer Fd	190.40	200.50	+ 0.70	...
Oriental Ops	233.80	246.30	- 2.70	...
Japanese Fund	141.70	149.20	+ 1.10	...
Bd & West Life	120.20	126.60	+ 0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	133.70	140.80	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	266.80	276.50	+ 0.90	3.31
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	303.10	319.10	- 1.00	...
UK Equity	397.50	418.50	- 1.20	...
Stewardship	351.40	369.90	- 0.30	...
Overseas Equity	286.50	301.60	- 1.90	...
North American	146.90	154.70	- 0.60	...
Pacific Basin	169.10	178.10	- 0.20	...
European	208.80	219.80	- 3.40	...
Property	204.80	215.60	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Interest	222.90	234.70	- 2.10	...
Index Linked	164.00	172.70	- 0.90	...
Cash	196.40	206.80	+ 0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	370.20	389.70	- 0.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	542.90	571.50	- 16.50	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	208.00	218.90	+ 0.10	...
Unitised Profit	130.60	137.30	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	274.20	288.50	- 0.70	...
Fixed Int	188.40	198.20	- 4.00	...
Index-Linked	162.40	170.80	- 1.10	...
Cash Deposit	171.40	180.30	+ 0.10	...
Property	183.10	192.70	+ 4.30	...
International	184.20	193.70	+ 2.90	...
American	155.10	163.20	- 0.60	...
Japan	267.10	281.10	+ 2.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	273.50	287.80	+ 5.20	...
European	184.60	194.20	+ 3.40	...
Pacific Fund	291.80	307.10	- 0.30	...
Conv Life	130.20	136.90	+ 0.10	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	691.10	691.10	+ 2.70	...
-do- Inv A	691.00	727.50	+ 2.80	...
UK Equity	397.90	418.90	+ 1.70	...
Gilt Plus	198.20	208.70	- 2.70	...
Managed	304.40	320.50	+ 1.30	...
Inter Man	273.30	287.80	+ 1.80	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
ASs Prop Bds	769.80	801.80	+ 5.40	...
Managed Initial	480.20	505.50	- 1.80	...
-do- Acc	675.60	711.20	- 2.20	...
Equity Initial	705.30	742.50	- 2.60	...
-do- Acc	992.30	1044.5	- 3.30	...
Fixed Int Initial	433.70	456.60	- 8.70	...
-do- Acc	610.20	642.30	- 12.00	...
Intl Initial	478.80	504.00	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	673.60	709.10	- 0.50	...
Nth Amer Initial	175.10	184.30	- 3.60	...
-do- Acc	224.20	236.00	- 4.50	...
Pacific Initial	257.80	271.40	- 7.30	...
-do- Acc	327.00	344.20	- 9.10	...
Property Initial	174.00	183.10	+ 1.70	...
-do- Acc	244.70	257.60	+ 2.80	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	158.20	166.50	- 1.30	...
-do- Acc	202.50	213.20	- 1.50	...
Deposit Initial	195.80	206.10	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	275.40	289.90	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	108.30	114.00	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	128.20	134.90	- 1.90	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200999				
Managed	165.70	174.40	+ 0.80	...
-do- Pens	202.90	213.50	+ 1.30	...
UK Equity	164.90	173.50	+ 0.50	...
-do- Pens	186.50	196.30	+ 0.80	...
International	145.90	153.50	- 1.60	...
-do- Pens	158.40	166.70	+ 1.70	...
Deposit	137.70	144.90	...	...
-do- Pens	161.80	170.30	+ 0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	369.90	389.60	- 0.10	...
North America	340.60	362.40	+ 3.70	...
Far East Fund	661.10	703.30	- 0.40	...
Global Managed	478.40	509.00	+ 1.70	...
Deposit Fund	225.90	237.80	+ 0.10	...
Prime Residential	131.10	138.10	...	...
European Fund	269.50	286.80	+ 3.80	...
Fixed Interest	66.50	70.80	- 0.50	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	510.30	540.00	...	...
British Fund	515.20	545.20	- 6.00	...
International	532.30	563.20	+ 1.90	...
Dollar Fund	365.00	386.30	- 1.50	...
Capital Fund	471.40	498.90	+ 0.40	...
Income Fund	678.90	718.50	- 8.70	...
Property Series A	449.40	475.60	+ 0.40	4.80
Property Units	735.70	772.50	+ 0.50	...
Financial Fund	567.80	600.90	+ 1.00	...
Managed Ser A	542.70	574.30	+ 2.50	...
Managed Units	968.90	1019.9	+ 4.50	...
High Yield Fund	651.40	689.40	- 7.80	...
Money Series A	282.90	299.40	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	374.20	393.90	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	621.30	657.50	+ 8.60	...
Fixed Interest	364.20	385.40	- 4.90	...
Indexed Secs	180.80	191.40	- 1.50	...
European Fund	764.70	809.30	+ 7.70	...
Natural Res	295.80	313.10	+ 6.60	...
Far East Fund	679.10	718.70	+ 0.20	...
Smaller Cos	514.30	544.30	- 1.50	...
Special Sits	443.50	469.40	- 0.90	...
Man Currency	259.60	274.80	- 0.40	...
Japanese Tech	299.00	316.50	+ 1.70	...
US Smaller Cos	213.50	226.00	+ 1.50	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	552.10	581.20	+ 4.20	...
Global Property	283.90	298.80	...	...
Global Fixed Int	496.50	522.60	- 1.70	...
Global Equity	586.30	617.20	+ 5.90	...
Global Cash	209.60	220.60	+ 0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	475.00	500.00	- 0.90	...
Property	483.00	508.40	- 0.10	...
Managed	416.60	438.50	+ 0.60	...
American	383.10	403.20	+ 2.80	...
UK Equity Fd	449.60	473.20	- 1.20	...
Japan	223.40	235.10	+ 2.90	...
Index-Lkd	180.70	190.20	- 0.40	...
High Yield	836.90	880.90	- 6.20	...
Growth Cap	422.00	444.20	- 0.80	...
Money	395.40	416.20	+ 0.20	...
International	398.10	419.00	+ 3.40	...
Henderson Active	224.20	236.00	+ 2.70	...
Perpetual Active	335.20	352.80	+ 6.70	...
Growth Cap	422.00	444.20	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	649.00	683.10	- 0.50	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do- Acc	183.10	192.80	+ 0.20	...
Brit Opps Int	143.80	151.40	...	...
-do- Acc	174.90	184.20	- 0.10	...
Cash Initial	167.40	176.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	282.40	297.30	+ 0.20	...
Equity Initial	649.50	683.70	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	1095.8	1153.5	- 0.40	...
Fixed Initial	341.50	359.50	- 4.30	...
-do- Acc	576.20	606.60	- 7.30	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	134.90	142.00	- 0.90	...
-do- Acc	194.10	204.40	- 1.20	...
Intl Initial	360.30	379.30	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	598.40	629.90	- 0.50	...
Managed Initial	485.40	511.00	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	819.00	862.30	- 1.00	...
Property Initial	215.70	227.10	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	363.90	383.10	+ 0.60	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£126.46	...	+ 0.96	...
Property Units	£27.40	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£65.01	£68.44	+ 0.20	...
2nd Equity Acc	638.10	671.10	- 1.30	...
2nd High Inc Ac	604.70	636.60	- 0.50	...
2nd Property Acc	250.00	263.20	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	180.10	189.60	- 0.40	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	474.40	499.40	+ 1.30	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	238.10	250.60	+ 0.90	...
2nd Deposit Acc	275.90	290.40	+ 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	297.00	312.60	- 1.00	...
2nd Amer Acc	675.90	711.50	+ 4.00	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	259.60	273.30	- 1.10	...
2nd Index Acc	198.00	208.40	- 0.50	...
2nd Far East Acc	479.30	504.50	+ 1.30	...
2nd Global Acc	180.50	190.00	+ 0.10	...
2nd Euro Acc	167.30	176.10	+ 0.30	...
2nd Japan Acc	213.40	224.60	+ 1.30	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	161.30	169.80	- 0.50	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	130.60	137.50	- 0.10	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£901.50	...	- 5.60	...
Fixed Interest	£403.20	...	- 1.30	...
Property	£363.90	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	£286.30	...	+ 0.10	...
Mixed	£593.00	...	+ 3.60	...
Indexed Stock	£209.60	...	- 0.50	...
International	£297.20	...	+ 3.40	...
Equity A	£209.40	...	+ 1.30	...
Fixed Int A	£179.10	...	- 0.60	...
Property A	£168.90	...	...	...
Deposit A	£168.50	...	+ 0.10	...
Mixed A	£195.10	...	+ 1.20	...
Index Stock A	£164.20	...	- 0.50	...
International A	£185.90	...	+ 2.10	...
Equity P	£245.60	...	+ 6.00	...
Fixed Int P	£527.10	...	- 1.60	...
Property P	£316.90	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit P	£334.80	...	+ 0.30	...
Mixed P	£548.10	...	+ 4.30	...
Index Stock P	£238.70	...	- 0.60	...
International P	£348.00	...	+ 4.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£629.80	...	+ 3.50	...
-do- Acc	£1026.4	...	+ 6.70	...
Property Cap	£150.90	...	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	£237.10	...	- 0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£196.70	...	- 0.40	...
-do- Acc	£310.60	...	- 0.30	...
Equity Cap	£325.80	...	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	£520.80	...	+ 2.20	...
Internatl Cap	£246.60	...	+ 4.10	...
-do- Acc	£390.50	...	+ 6.70	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£167.30	...	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	£261.20	...	+ 0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£354.00	...	+ 2.10	...
-do- Acc	£564.40	...	+ 3.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	£437.80	...	+ 2.20	...
Capital Growth	£1662.5	...	- 11.00	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	396.40	416.40	+ 0.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	464.90	488.20	- 3.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	226.20	237.60	- 0.10	...
Australasia Bd	234.90	246.70	- 3.80	...
Commodity Bond	326.30	342.70	+ 8.50	...
Deposit Bond Acc	355.10	373.00	+ 0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1504.4	1579.7	- 3.50	...
European Bd Acc	396.10	416.00	+ 11.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	723.90	760.20	- 10.90	...
Far East Bd Acc	322.00	338.20	- 4.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	432.40	454.20	- 1.20	...
Gold Bond Acc	161.40	169.50	+ 5.50	...
High Yield Bond	345.30	362.70	- 5.70	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	207.40	217.80	- 0.80	...
International Bd	770.30	818.40	+ 0.10	...
Japan Bond Acc	297.70	312.70	+ 6.40	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	297.20	312.20	+ 2.80	...
Managed Bonds	892.20	936.90	+ 4.60	...
Prop Bond Acc	338.20	356.40	+ 0.40	...
Rec Bond Acc	768.40	806.90	- 8.40	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	228.20	240.30	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity Acc	315.20	331.80	+ 0.50	...
Special Sits	97.70	102.90	+ 0.70	...
Special Sits Acc	135.00	142.20	+ 1.20	...
North American	177.50	186.90	- 0.60	...
N American Acc	245.20	258.20	- 0.80	...
Pacific Basin	385.60	405.90	- 0.80	...
Pacific Basin Acc	532.60	560.70	- 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	280.30	295.10	- 1.50	...
Fixed Interest Acc	387.60	408.00	- 1.90	...
Property	171.20	180.30	+ 1.00	...
Property Acc	236.80	249.30	+ 1.50	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Acc	210.70	221.80	+ 0.30	...
Managed	263.90	277.80	+ 0.50	...
Managed Acc	336.00	353.70	+ 0.80	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	701.70	738.60	+ 0.50	...
Property Fund	537.20	565.50	+ 0.50	...
Equity Fund	881.80	928.20	+ 0.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	592.00	623.20	- 4.00	...
Deposit Fund	324.60	341.70	+ 0.20	...
Investment Fd	374.80	393.50	+ 0.20	...
International	558.10	587.50	+ 2.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	450.50	474.20	+ 5.60	...
UK Equity	333.70	351.20	+ 0.40	...
Gilt Edged	575.80	606.10	- 0.10	...
Interest Fund	377.00	396.80	+ 0.30	...
UK Fund	491.20	517.00	- 0.90	...
Intl Equity	622.60	655.30	+ 3.30	...
Intl Managed	577.80	608.20	+ 1.40	...
North American	205.90	216.70	- 0.50	...
Far East	495.40	521.40	- 0.30	...
Intl Currency	265.20	279.10	- 2.10	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 822733				
Equity	146.10	153.70	- 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	522.20	549.60	- 1.50	...
Managed	697.70	734.40	- 0.80	...
Deposit	333.70	351.20	+ 0.20	...
Property	443.20	466.50	+ 0.50	...
American	396.20	417.00	- 4.70	...
Australian	542.90	571.40	- 4.40	...
European	539.70	568.10	+ 9.40	...
Income Acc	758.30	798.20	- 5.00	...
-do- Dist	468.90	493.20	- 4.10	3.95
International	324.20	341.20	- 3.50	...
Japan Smaller	583.90	614.60	- 11.90	...
Singapore & Mal	383.90	404.10	+ 0.70	...
Smaller Cos	437.90	460.90	+ 0.50	...
Tokyo Fund	731.60	770.10	+ 3.70	...
UK Equity	595.70	627.00	- 10.60	...
CCM Vangd Mg	732.70	771.20	+ 4.00	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	476.50	501.50	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	587.50	618.40	- 1.00	...
Overseas Equity	489.30	515.00	+ 2.40	...
Americas	405.10	426.40	- 0.40	...
Far East	575.00	605.20	- 3.50	...
Property	211.60	222.70	- 1.90	...
Fixed Interest	364.90	384.10	- 3.30	...
Indexed Gilt	228.10	240.10	- 1.00	...
Deposit	212.50	223.60	+ 0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1395.2	1468.6	+ 2.50	...
Eqty Fund	3024.5	3183.7	+ 9.20	...
Property Fd	577.50	607.90	+ 0.80	...
Fixed Int Fd	570.20	600.20	- 9.20	...
Deposit Fund	341.10	359.10	+ 0.30	...
Intl Fund	240.40	253.10	+ 1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	163.30	171.90	+ 0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	328.60	345.90	+ 0.30	...
Inv Equity	1176.8	1238.8	+ 3.30	...
Inv Managed	841.10	885.40	+ 4.00	...
Ret Managed	943.40	993.10	+ 3.30	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	286.80	302.60	- 0.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	236.40	249.40	- 2.40	...
International Acc	270.10	285.00	+ 1.30	...
Managed Acc	225.40	238.00	- 0.80	...
Property Acc	234.20	247.10	- 0.10	...
Money Acc	151.00	159.30	...	...
Spec Mkt Acc	233.80	246.70	- 1.50	...
Japan Equity Acc	133.30	140.70	- 1.90	...
N Amer Acc	154.00	162.50	+ 1.10	...
Pacific Acc	169.90	179.30	- 2.60	...
European Acc	198.20	209.10	+ 2.30	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739090				
Managed Ord	469.30	494.00	+ 2.10	...
Managed Initial	322.70	339.70	+ 1.20	...
Equity Ord	701.70	738.60	+ 4.20	...
Equity Init	482.60	508.00	+ 2.60	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	197.80	208.20	- 1.00	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	142.10	149.60	- 0.70	...
Oseas Equity Ord	385.10	405.40	+ 0.30	...
Oseas Equity Init	264.80	278.70	...	...
Property Ord	271.90	286.20	+ 2.00	...
Property Init	187.00	196.80	+ 1.20	...
Fixed Int Ord	269.60	283.80	- 2.70	...
Fixed Int Init	185.40	195.20	- 2.00	...
Deposit Ord	202.80	213.50	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.50	146.80	+ 0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	335.30	349.30	- 0.90	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	784.00	825.30	+ 1.40	...
Equity Fund	1452.3	1528.8	+ 5.30	...
Intl Fund	623.30	656.30	- 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	549.90	578.90	- 7.40	...
Property Fund	441.90	465.20	+ 2.00	...
Cash Fund	358.90	377.80	- 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	373.20	392.90	- 1.70	...
N American Fd	232.30	244.60	- 5.40	...
Euro Fund	270.20	284.50	+ 2.40	...
Balanced Fund	153.10	161.20	- 0.10	...
Strategic Fund	161.50	170.10	- 0.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£762.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	472.20	497.00	...	...
Op Prop	486.90	512.60	+ 0.10	...
Op Equity	924.30	973.00	+ 8.10	...
Op High Yield	557.50	586.90	- 3.70	...
Op Managed	810.00	852.70	- 4.40	...
Op Deposit	385.30	405.60	...	...
Inc Gth	312.20	328.70	- 0.70	...
Japan Smlr	304.20	320.30	+ 2.70	...
Managed Gth	265.50	279.50	- 0.30	...
Gilt	81.40	85.70	- 1.20	...
British	386.40	406.80	+ 18.10	...
Global Bond	113.00	119.00	- 0.80	...
Global (35.34)	177.00	186.40	+ 0.20	...
Gold Share	91.40	96.30	+ 4.00	...
High Income	300.20	316.00	- 0.90	...
Income	426.40	448.90	- 2.70	...
Japan	473.50	498.50	+ 0.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	351.90	370.50	- 1.70	...
Mngd Growth	465.90	490.50	- 0.10	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	957.10	1012.7	+ 2.60	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	381.30	401.30	+ 1.00	...
Equity Fund	520.50	547.80	+ 2.50	...
Property Fund	335.10	352.70	+ 1.20	...
International	495.90	521.90	+ 0.50	...
Pacific Basin	309.10	325.30	- 0.10	...
United States	251.80	264.80	- 0.60	...
Gilt Fund	347.90	366.20	- 4.20	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	764.10	808.60	+ 0.50	2.14
Deposit Fund (2)	363.00	384.20	+ 0.30	5.51
Gilt Fund	501.00	530.20	- 1.60	8.46
Global Equity Fd	242.70	256.90	+ 0.60	...
Property Fund (4)	102.50	108.50	...	6.16
AG Bond Fund	157.10	166.30	- 0.30	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	573.80	604.00	- 2.50	...
Fixed Interest	362.70	381.80	- 3.50	...
Index-Linked	194.30	204.60	- 1.20	...
International	473.40	498.40	- 0.90	...
Property	289.20	304.50	+ 0.40	...
Cash	225.80	237.70	+ 0.10	...
Managed	469.60	494.30	- 1.50	...
Cap Gteed Bd	109.00	114.80	- 0.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	178.16	187.53	+ 0.12	...
Index-Linked	158.70	167.10	- 1.00	...
Fixed Interest	169.80	178.70	- 2.20	...
Mixed	252.00	266.20	- 0.80	...
UK Equity	235.90	248.30	- 1.50	...
International	265.40	279.30	+ 0.20	...
American	242.10	254.90	- 3.50	...
Japan	252.10	265.40	- 0.20	...
European	299.50	315.20	+ 2.60	...
Pacific	373.70	393.40	+ 6.90	...
Technology	347.00	365.20	- 0.20	...
Currncy/Currncy	227.40	239.40	- 0.80	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	216.80	228.20	+ 1.60	...
UK Equity	350.80	369.40	+ 1.90	...
American	344.80	257.80	+ 1.40	...
Pacific	368.20	387.70	- 7.60	...
European	487.20	512.90	+ 3.40	...
International	313.60	330.20	- 1.50	...
Fixed Interest	232.90	245.30	- 2.80	...
Index Linked	192.90	203.10	- 1.00	...
Deposit	190.50	200.60	+ 0.10	...
Managed	285.00	300.10	+ 0.20	...
Worldwide	127.30	134.10	+ 0.20	...
Pen Worldwide	135.70	142.90	+ 0.40	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1645.6	1696.5	...	...
Safety Fund	231.30	243.50	- 1.30	...
Growth Fund	229.30	241.40	- 1.50	...
Opportunity Fd	222.50	234.30	- 2.00	...
Cash Fund	171.50	180.60	+ 0.10	...
European Fund	350.70	369.20	+ 1.20	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	195.40	205.70	- 1.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	178.20	187.60	- 1.40	...
International Fd	289.20	304.50	- 2.30	...
North American	233.10	245.40	- 0.50	...
Property Fund	130.40	137.30	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	240.60	253.30	- 1.70	...
UK Smaller	236.60	249.10	- 1.30	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	270.60	285.00	+ 0.70	...
Equity	283.50	298.50	+ 0.60	...
International	288.30	303.60	+ 3.00	...
Property	231.60	243.90	+ 1.60	...
Fixed Interest	215.40	226.80	- 1.00	...
Index Linked	178.10	187.60	- 1.00	...
Cash	183.90	193.70	+ 0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	808.00	859.60	+ 6.50	...
Cash Fund	333.10	351.10	+ 0.20	...
Property Fund	257.20	271.10	- 4.20	...
Equity Fund	952.70	1013.6	+ 8.00	...
Fxd Interest Fund	448.20	472.30	+ 0.70	...
International	427.00	454.30	+ 4.50	...
High Income	720.50	766.50	+ 3.40	...
Far East	619.90	659.50	- 0.50	...
North American	540.80	575.40	+ 0.60	...
Special Sits	654.50	696.30	+ 2.40	...
Technology	521.10	554.40	+ 7.40	...
Extra Income Fd	384.80	409.40	+ 0.40	...
Gilt Fund	464.60	494.30	...	...
European	158.60	168.80	+ 1.90	...
Adventurous Mg	225.10	238.00	+ 1.80	...
Secure Mgd	146.60	156.00	+ 0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	121.60	128.20	+ 0.10	4.34
North American	114.50	120.70	+ 0.20	4.97
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	959.90	959.90	...	...
Inv Pol 2	873.70	919.80	...	...
Inv Pol 3	837.70	881.90	...	...
Inv Cash	307.90	324.20	...	...
Mixed Fund	452.60	476.60	- 1.20	...
Equity Fund	530.40	558.40	- 2.50	...
Property Fund	233.50	245.90	+ 0.20	...
International Fd	504.30	530.90	+ 2.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	363.30	382.50	- 4.10	...
Indexed Stock Fd	193.90	204.30	- 1.00	...
Cash Fund	223.80	235.60	+ 0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	376.40	396.20	+ 3.90	...
Equity Acc	438.90	461.90	+ 4.90	...
International Acc	356.30	375.00	+ 3.40	...
Property	231.70	243.80	+ 0.80	...
Royal Trust Mg	243.50	256.30	+ 3.80	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	264.10	278.00	+ 0.30	...
Equity	980.60	1032.3	- 6.30	...
European	176.60	185.90	+ 2.60	...
Far East	174.90	184.20	- 0.70	...
Fixed Interest	384.20	404.50	- 6.90	...
Index Linked	205.30	216.20	- 1.30	...
International	628.60	661.70	- 1.80	...
Managed	695.70	732.40	- 2.80	...
Nth American	139.10	146.50	- 1.00	...
Property	353.40	372.00	+ 1.10	...
Pensions				
Cash	408.80	430.40	+ 0.40	...
Equity	1410.4	1484.7	- 8.00	...
European	212.60	223.80	+ 3.90	...
Far East	141.10	148.60	- 0.80	...
Fixed Interest	522.60	550.20	- 9.20	...
Index Linked	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.20	...
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 1.00	...
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Nth American	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.80	...
Property	[illegible]	402.20	+ 2.30	...
Stock Exchange	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.90	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex [illegible]				
Managed Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Equity Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Fixed Interest Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Index-Linked Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Property Fund	520.40	547.80	+ 0.50	...
International Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.60	...
N American Fd	[illegible]	252.40	...	...
Far East Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.40	...
Deposit Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
International Bd	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	
Worldwide Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.00	...
Worldwide Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Worldwide Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]		
European	174.40	[illegible]	+ 1.80	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Property Growth				
Property Fund	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]		[illegible]	...
Agricultural Fd	[illegible]		[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Abbey Nat Fd	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Abbey Nat Acc	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Investment Fd	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Investment (A)	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Equity	[illegible]			
Equity Acc	[illegible]			...
Money Fund	[illegible]		[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	
Actuarial Fd	[illegible]		[illegible]	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	[illegible]		[illegible]	
-do- Acc	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	...
Retire Annuity	[illegible]	...		...
Immed Annuity	[illegible]	...	- 11.00	...
Bldg Soc Life	221.90		+ 0.30	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Managed Acc	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Equity Account	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	...
Mngd Fund Acc	375.40	[illegible]	- 2.10	...
Equity Fund Acc	500.50	[illegible]	- 1.70	...
Prop Fund Acc	251.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	[illegible]	319.70	- 1.50	...
Money Fund Acc	217.10	228.60	[illegible]	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	203.80	214.50	- 0.10	...
Pers Pens Acct	[illegible]		[illegible]	
Pens Mngd Acct	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Pens Guarantee	[illegible]	251.50	+ 0.70	...
Pens Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.80	...
Pens Property	287.00	[illegible]	+ 0.80	...
Pens Fixed Int	278.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Pens Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.60	...
Pens Money	[illegible]	242.40		
Pens Indx-Lnkd	193.20	203.40	- 0.50	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	906.10	953.80	- 0.10	...
Property Acc	340.60	358.60	+ 3.60	...
Equity Acc	1445.6	1521.7	- 4.90	...
Fixed Int Acc	382.30	403.40	- 6.20	...
Index-Linked Acc	198.80	209.30	- 1.80	...
Cash Acc	301.80	319.80	+ 0.10	...
Amer Equity Acc	350.00	368.50	- 1.50	...
Japan Acc	328.30	345.60	+ 2.50	...
Pacific Acc	360.80	379.50	+ 4.20	...
Far Eastern Acc	860.80	906.20	+ 8.00	...
International Acc	612.70	645.00	+ 10.60	...
Distribution Fund	284.10	299.10	- 0.40	3.85
European	208.80	219.80	+ 3.10	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	280.30	295.10	- 0.10	...
Property Fund	217.40	228.90	+ 2.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	218.60	230.20	- 1.00	...
Money Fund	196.60	207.10	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fund	366.00	385.30	- 0.50	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	245.20	258.30	+ 0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	47.10	50.70	...	...
Fixed Interest	316.30	333.10	- 1.70	...
Gold	89.60	94.40	+ 3.40	...
Managed	631.40	664.70	+ 8.60	...
Mngd Growth	204.60	215.50	+ 11.30	...
Mngd Opp	217.10	228.70	+ 12.70	...
Property	315.30	331.90	...	...
Residential Prop	97.00	102.20	+ 0.10	...
TSB American	195.20	205.60	+ 3.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	833.70	877.70	+ 17.10	...
TSB European	296.10	311.80	+ 7.20	...
TSB Income	400.90	422.10	- 0.40	...
TSB Intl	435.70	458.60	+ 6.30	...
TSB Intl Inc	281.80	296.70	+ 0.30	...
TSB Pacific	453.40	477.40	- 14.10	...
TSB Prem Inc	357.20	368.70	- 0.40	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	697.90	735.40	+ 8.40	...
Money Fund	311.80	328.20	- 0.20	...
Equity Fund	620.90	654.30	- 3.80	...
Fixed Interest	270.50	285.00	+ 1.50	...
Property Fund	345.80	364.00	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	554.70	584.50	+ 2.90	...
Income	744.40	784.40	+ 0.10	...
International Gth	617.50	650.70	+ 0.40	...
Capital Fund	651.10	686.10	+ 3.30	...
Recovery Fund	666.60	702.40	+ 2.80	...
Japan & General	297.80	313.60	+ 0.50	...

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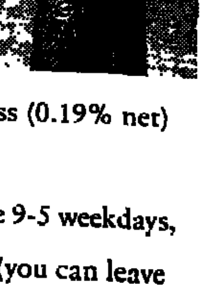
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Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.09	3.09	2.48	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.57	2.57	2.06	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Branch
"	3.05	3.05	2.44	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Branch
Midland	3.09	3.09	2.48	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
"	3.33	3.33	2.66	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.28	3.28	2.63	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.86	2.83	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.70	1.70	1.36	1,000‡	none	051 2546236
Co-operative Current Acct	0.19	0.19	0.15	none	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
Abbey National HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Cheque Acct	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 5020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
B						
Northern Rock *	4.61	4.73	3.68	2,500 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock *	5.06	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	4.84	4.84	3.87	100,000 min	30 day	——
Asset (Bristol&West)	5.18	5.18	4.14	25,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.40	5.40	4.32	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Norwich & Peterboro.	5.10	5.10	4.08	50,000 min	Postal	——
North of England	4.65	4.65	3.72	10,000 min	30 day	——
North of England	5.25	5.25	4.20	25,000 min	60 day	——
Greenwich	5.44	5.44	4.35	50,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.21	5.21	4.17	30,000 min	1 year	——
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	8.50	4.86	3.90	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 758151
7th Index Linkd*‡	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
41th Issue Cert*	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Relief	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
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General Portfolio	5.50	5.50	4.68	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
General Portfolio	6.30	6.30	5.36	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
General Portfolio	6.60	6.60	5.61	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
General Portfolio	6.90	6.90	5.87	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Mar 93-94)	+2.5%	Spanish Pesetas:	198.50
Bank Base Rate	5.25%	French Francs:	8.36
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachma:	362.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2340.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investment	Telephone number
Hinkley & Rug	7.35	£3,220.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0455 251234
Dunfermline	7.30	£3,219.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
Asset (B & W)	7.25	£3,217.50	—	£3,000	0800 303330
TSB Bank	7.25	£3,217.50	—	£250	021 6006020
National Count	7.25	£3,217.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0372 742211

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Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
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Universal 091 232 0973	2.74	£20-£100K	85	Discounted by 5% for 6 months.
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Northern Rock 0800 581500	2.99	£20-£150K	90	Discounted by 4.75% to 1.6.95.
BANKS				
BNP Mortgages 071 2830237	3.75	£15-£500K	80	Capped for 12 months.

Subsidence damage and insurance companies

From Mr Brian Clancy

Sir, I noted with interest the two articles which appeared in *The Times* after the launch of the Institution of Structural Engineers guide, *Subsidence of Low Rise Buildings*, (April 20 and April 26).

The task group that produced the guide, of which I was chairman, has been concerned by the relatively recent procedure, which you describe, of insurers banding houses as high risk or low risk depending upon postal code.

This is a very crude procedure and in my view is again likely to discredit insurers in the eyes of the public.

The guide explains in detail the reasons for subsidence, and merely classifying buildings as of a particular risk level solely because of their location is, in my opinion, a very blunt instrument, and insurers who write their business solely on this basis rightly deserve public criticism.

The intention of the guide is to try to bring the whole problem of subsidence of buildings, particularly domestic buildings, back to a more rational and less divisive basis.

Yours sincerely,
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The guide "Subsidence of Low Rise Buildings" is published by the Institution of Structural Engineers. Copies can be obtained from the institution at 11 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SW1X 8BH. Tel. no: 071 235 4535 Price £20.

From Mr Colin Bentley

Sir, May 1 , as a coal mining subsidence claims negotiator, comment upon "Is that a crack . . . or subsidence?" (Weekend Money, April 23) and say that I understand the insurance companies' stance in respect of claims by householders for subsoil-related subsidence damage.

I cannot, however, willingly come to terms with a company that is seeking to load or even refuse to insure a property which has been damaged by coal-mining subsidence and which has been repaired by British Coal.

All property owners are protected by the terms of the Coal Mining Subsidence Act of 1991 (always providing that the claim relates to coal mining-related damage which has occured within the last six years) and thus in most cases there is no direct attempt by a claimant to claim from the insurance company's funds.

It is, I believe, unreasonable to cast a shadow of insurance blight over entire regions of the country which have the above protection.

Yours faithfully,
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Higher Inc Inc	377.10	401.20	-5.40	3.82
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Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.52	95.61	-1.00	6.09
Nth America	241.10	256.50	+0.90	...
Far East	364.40	387.70	+2.90	...
Europe	277.40	295.20	+4.60	0.66
Brit Excell	71.06	75.60	+0.97	2.81
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.53	102.70	-1.00	4.78
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.48	77.11	-0.70	4.78
Global Opps	84.20	89.58	+0.99	0.04
Balanced Acc	52.97	56.36	-0.23	2.52
Balanced Inc	52.49	55.85	-0.23	2.52
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-do- Income Dist	106.60	113.00	-0.70	4.42
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.50	42.91	-0.38	6.34
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	142.70	151.90	+0.70	0.03
European Inc	81.76	86.70	+1.26	0.35
Smaller Cos (4+1)	83.61	88.95	+0.29	1.44
Growth	431.90	451.30	-2.60	2.05
Income & Growth	406.70	432.70	-0.60	3.70
Japan & Gen	79.18	84.17	+0.63	...
Master Portfolio	£105.40	£109.54	-12.00	1.36
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.42	37.88	-0.17	0.23
Cash Income	50.83	50.83	+0.03	4.99
European Gwth	40.88	43.53	+0.65	0.37
Income & Gwth Inc	27.64	29.36	-0.15	3.59
Intnl Gwth	31.40	33.58	-0.07	0.52
Japan Gwth	29.62	31.67	+0.27	...
Managed Tst Inc	48.90	52.19	+0.30	1.56
Oriental Opps Inc	140.20	149.90	-0.40	...
Property Shares	44.72	47.82	+0.19	0.50
Smaller Cos	32.37	34.62	-0.71	1.53
UK Growth Tst	25.76	27.55	-0.11	2.18
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.49	28.26	+0.62	0.38
European Acc	27.47	29.31	+0.64	0.38
Financial	147.60	157.80	+0.10	1.42
Foundation	91.51	97.87	+0.74	2.04
German	51.39	54.96	+1.14	...
High Income	75.74	81.00	+0.62	5.53
Income	134.90	144.20	+2.80	2.64
Intl Growth	...	...	...	...
Mngd Pfolio Inc	105.10	112.30	+0.80	1.03
Mngd Pfolio Acc	200.80	214.70	+1.50	1.03
Monthly Income	84.99	90.89	+2.35	3.80
North American	100.70	107.60	+2.00	...
Orient	153.80	164.40	+0.80	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.36	86.80	-0.08	2.32
American Portfolio	86.97	92.78	-1.31	1.04
European Portfolio	96.90	103.32	+1.06	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	74.02	78.70	-0.02	...
Pacific Portfolio	138.51	148.94	-3.83	0.77
UK Inc & Growth	73.18	78.38	-0.11	3.85
Utility & Bond	52.04	52.69	-1.40	6.71
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	63.57	67.62	-0.19	2.96
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.91	150.67	-2.05	...
UK Income	113.00	122.71	...	3.83
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	80.87	85.45	+1.51	1.95
Beck Bio-Tech	30.69	32.65	+0.53	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	153.66	161.75	-8.54	1.25
City Fin Assets	73.65	77.53	-0.90	1.02
City Fin America	78.63	82.77	+0.06	...
City Fin Intl	75.95	79.95	-0.60	0.49
City Fin Japan	176.63	185.93	-5.53	...
Friars Hse Cap	269.42	285.10	-4.30	2.29
Friars Hse Inc	200.30	213.18	-2.52	4.93
Buckley Wrld Grth	133.39	141.90	-0.86	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	143.30	150.84	+0.03	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.54	121.62	+0.40	1.63
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	54.53	57.86	-0.40	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	54.66	58.40	+0.02	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.06	39.85	-0.11	0.15
Dragon Growth	69.50	74.33	-0.44	0.45
Equity High Inc	80.54	85.68	-0.96	3.83
European Gwth	50.78	54.02	+0.78	0.72
Evergreen	30.51	32.63	-0.10	...
General Equity	83.43	88.52	-0.09	2.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.70	25.96	-0.43	8.06
Japan Growth	55.07	59.47	+0.22	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.84	54.08	+0.15	2.19
Fed Sm Cos Inc	33.38	35.51	+0.07	0.62
Retirement Inc	25.22	27.12	-0.22	5.61
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	64.15	67.88	-0.76	2.39
Income	58.70	62.12	-1.16	3.98
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	161.36	171.66	-0.38	5.15
Fixed & Convertible	42.14	44.83	+0.09	5.69
Monthly Inc Plus	50.80	54.04	-0.31	8.29
Preference Share	50.11	53.31	+1.37	6.93
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	130.44	138.77	+0.93	6.74
Managed Fund	67.68	72.00	-0.06	2.80
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.89	46.69	+0.98	1.81
UK & General	77.48	82.43	+1.27	2.63
UK Growth	134.61	143.20	-0.41	1.62
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	200.53	213.33	+5.10	...
Far Eastern Grth	135.45	144.10	+0.21	0.39
Global Bond	81.46	86.60	-0.09	6.11
Japan Growth	133.52	142.04	+2.45	...
North Amer Grth	151.92	161.62	-0.78	...
Oriental Growth	76.84	81.74	-0.65	...
Worldwide Growth	65.56	69.74	+0.22	0.24
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	58.55	62.28	+0.33	2.70
High Income	33.57	35.71	+0.01	4.40
Japan	38.23	40.66	+0.09	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.03	35.13	+0.21	2.10
Smaller Cos	34.37	36.56	+0.23	2.10
North American	31.70	33.72	-0.07	0.40
European	38.52	40.97	+0.93	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.46	33.78	+0.30	3.20
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	148.60	158.10	+3.60	1.61
Income	73.32	78.00	-0.75	4.86
European	63.23	67.27	+1.41	0.50
Recovery	144.30	153.60	+0.90	1.28
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	812.90	826.60	...	3.74
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	71.47	76.04	+0.73	1.35
Income	231.60	246.40	-1.37	4.66
Smaller Cos	156.60	166.60	+2.80	1.22
Inv Portfolio	77.55	82.51	-0.57	1.45
High Income Port	66.72	70.98	-0.55	4.83
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.98	£16.33	+23.80	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.73	£13.97	-10.20	...
UK Small Cos	£18.41	£19.18	+22.10	...
US Small Cos	£15.91	£16.22	+19.00	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	195.20	205.50	...	2.67
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	276.60	292.30	+6.40	1.03
New Asia	210.50	228.80	-3.20	...
Japan Growth	135.80	144.70	+1.40	...
Jap Smllr Co	569.70	606.90	+6.50	...
Nth Amer	242.60	257.10	-0.30	0.95
Shlld Asia Fxr Mt	117.50	125.00	-2.10	...
UK Inc & Grth	215.10	229.90	-1.50	3.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	140.30	149.30	-0.10	1.79
UK High Inc Inc	154.60	164.50	-0.10	4.85
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.43	62.16	-0.75	5.04
Envrnmntl Opps	83.27	88.59	-0.55	1.39
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	117.80	125.20	-1.20	0.16
Convertibles	23.39	24.85	+0.01	6.64
Equity Income	127.90	135.90	-2.20	3.68
EuroFund	46.50	49.17	+0.83	0.81
Financial	47.22	50.17	-0.30	1.59
Growth & Inc	228.50	242.80	-3.00	3.09
High Dist	159.20	169.20	-1.70	4.43
International	384.70	408.70	+3.70	0.24
Int Cap Inc	94.52	100.90	+0.30	2.58
Latin American	42.91	45.59	+4.44	0.27
Pacific	83.29	88.50	+0.24	...
Tokyo	237.00	251.50	-3.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	239.20	254.70	+0.40	0.92
ELCON LTD				
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	220.00	235.00	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	205.20	218.30	+3.10	0.38
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	81.69	85.99	+1.02	1.57
Far Eastern	308.70	324.95	-5.11	1.39
High Income	134.64	141.73	-1.00	4.29
Intl Growth	118.32	124.55	-0.65	1.24
North American	112.76	118.69	-0.57	1.11
Pelican	115.06	121.12	-0.69	2.91
Smaller Cos	76.00	80.00	+0.53	1.85
Special Sits	91.68	96.50	-0.39	2.31
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.31	199.27	-0.25	1.64
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	225.29	234.68	+2.14	1.11
Smaller Cos Acc	391.17	407.47	+3.92	1.11
Recovery	58.47	60.91	-0.18	1.87
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	110.75	117.73	-0.31	4.88
Capital Growth	82.29	88.25	+0.91	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.52	48.56	+0.13	0.23
High Income	48.79	52.38	-0.35	8.47
Warrant	61.11	66.43	-0.20	...
Zero Preference	36.72	38.97	+0.22	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.33	81.20	+0.53	2.51
Family Income Tst	48.78	51.89	-0.07	3.94
Family Trust	91.56	97.39	+1.92	0.92
United Charities	252.60	268.70	-0.90	2.79
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.10
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.13	25.46	-0.06	3.12
-do- Europe	23.91	25.24	+0.02	4.68
-do- America	22.81	24.03	-0.29	0.20
-do- Acc Japan	27.31	29.07	+0.22	0.36
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.58	28.96	-0.01	7.52
Intl Bond	28.84	30.03	-0.30	5.10
Income Funds				
High Income	27.14	28.56	-0.03	4.99
Income Plus	117.40	124.90	-1.60	4.02
Amer Eq Inc	46.41	49.19	-0.53	1.50
European Income	45.02	47.87	+0.57	1.99
Far East Inc	64.78	69.11	-0.06	2.05
Global Convertible	24.07	25.68	+0.04	2.85
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.56	63.54	-0.80	...
American	231.00	245.10	+0.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	106.30	113.40	+1.60	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.85	49.98	+0.56	...
European	169.00	179.70	+2.90	...
European Opps	63.15	67.15	+0.86	...
UK Growth	88.04	90.63	+0.16	...
Growth & Inc	151.80	161.50	+0.30	2.20
Intl PEP	35.66	37.92	+0.09	...
Japan Spec Sits	103.40	110.40	+0.30	...
Japan	217.00	231.50	+1.10	...
Managed Intl	272.30	290.90	-1.50	...
Moneybuilder	53.51	56.90	+0.26	...
Recovery	47.31	50.31	+0.58	...
South E Asia	147.20	157.10	-2.80	...
Special Sits	536.70	569.60	+3.30	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	106.70	112.40	+0.60	2.82
UK Reverse Index	78.46	82.30	-0.28	4.15
Europe Index	109.80	115.70	+3.70	4.30
-do- Reverse Index	66.35	69.89	-1.63	7.86
America Index	97.51	102.70	+1.60	0.49
-do- Reverse Index	95.94	101.00	-2.00	0.56
Japan Index	137.70	145.00	-0.20	0.49
-do- Reverse Index	94.38	99.45	+0.93	1.10
Cash Accum Units	105.13	105.13	+0.08	4.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	139.30	142.50	+0.50	1.61
Inc Pfolio	89.43	91.11	-0.33	3.65
Cap Pfolio	144.50	147.20	-0.20	0.64
General Opps	126.30	128.30	+0.90	3.07
Growth Inc	31.09	31.77	+0.14	1.43
Private Portfolio	399.80	407.10	-0.60	1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	114.70	121.30	+0.60	0.44
Far Eastern	181.10	194.50	-0.30	...
High Income	22.34	23.78	...	10.72
Oseas Income	96.24	102.90	-0.90	3.10
UK Growth	117.10	125.20	+2.60	0.85
UK Income	108.60	116.40	+0.40	5.33
US Smaller Cos	287.30	307.70	+2.30	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	49.65	52.82	+0.80	3.94
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.66	83.68	+0.53	4.45
Intl Growth	71.66	76.26	+0.50	1.18
Investment Trust	92.63	98.54	+0.71	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	86.12	91.62	+0.20	1.20
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.24	55.89	+0.14	...
(Accum Units)	52.34	55.89	+0.14	...
Amer Smllr Cos	469.50	502.00	+2.40	...
(Accum Units)	479.60	512.80	+2.40	...
Capital Tst	329.30	350.20	+1.70	1.39
(Accum Units)	465.90	495.50	+2.40	1.39
Contl Smllr Cos	62.91	67.58	+0.29	0.38
(Accum Units)	65.76	70.65	+0.31	0.38
Convertible	135.90	144.50	-0.10	5.08
(Accum Units)	263.30	280.00	-0.10	5.08
Emerging Markets	75.37	80.52	+1.44	...
(Accum Units)	75.44	80.59	+1.44	...
European	120.30	127.80	+1.00	0.19
(Accum Units)	125.40	133.20	+1.10	0.19
Extra Income	333.00	354.20	-0.20	3.56
(Accum Units)	482.80	513.50	-0.30	3.56
Financial	120.40	129.50	-0.90	0.43
(Accum Units)	126.60	136.20	-1.00	0.43
Gilt Trust	62.45	64.39	-1.19	6.10
(Accum Units)	84.88	87.52	-1.62	6.10
Health Fund Inc	123.80	132.20	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	123.80	132.20	-0.30	...
Income & Growth	198.10	210.70	+0.10	3.53
(Accum Units)	287.00	305.20	+0.10	3.53
Intl Growth	364.90	392.60	+0.50	...
(Accum Units)	405.20	435.90	+0.50	...
Japan & Gen	203.30	217.70	+0.20	...
(Accum Units)	205.30	219.90	+0.20	...
Managed Port Inc	105.50	111.00	+0.30	0.51
(Accum Units)	111.80	117.60	+0.40	0.51
Monthly Income	167.20	177.80	-1.20	3.67
Quarterly Income	55.30	58.82	-0.07	4.37
(Accum Units)	57.03	60.66	-0.08	4.37
Recovery	357.30	382.00	+1.60	0.08
(Accum Units)	420.20	449.40	+1.90	0.08
UK Growth	52.55	56.11	+0.32	2.50
(Accum Units)	52.55	56.11	+0.32	2.50
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	380.86	405.19	+1.40	2.57
-do- Accum	785.72	835.87	+2.89	2.57
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.36	144.00	+2.73	0.25
-do- Accum	140.59	149.56	+2.84	0.25
FP Fixed Int Dist	131.65	139.25	-1.08	6.28
-do- Accum	230.72	244.04	-1.90	6.28
FP Intl Gth Dist	93.85	99.84	+0.78	0.32
-do- Accum	97.68	103.92	+0.80	0.32
FP Nth Amer Dist	181.66	194.56	+0.91	0.61
-do- Accum	200.68	212.59	+1.00	0.61
FP Pac Basin Dist	320.82	341.30	-0.51	0.02
-do- Accum	326.94	347.81	-0.52	0.02
Stewardship Dist	343.18	365.09	+0.42	1.85
-do- Accum	411.92	438.21	+0.50	1.85
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	74.25	78.99	+0.06	3.19
-do- Accum	93.54	99.51	+0.06	3.19
N Am Stshp Dist	98.36	104.64	-0.47	0.50
-do- Accum	104.13	110.78	-0.49	0.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 881340 Dealing: 0705 881330				
Capital Gwth Acc	110.60	117.60	+1.50	0.76
Open Cap Gth Acc	113.30	120.50	+1.70	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	107.00	113.80	+1.40	1.56
Cap Gth Inc Acc	108.10	114.90	+1.40	1.56
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.30	115.20	+1.20	1.39
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	109.00	115.90	+1.20	1.39
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.81	45.61	-0.60	1.73
Australian	339.40	364.10	+0.10	0.0
Conscience	74.81	79.83	+0.12	0.44
European	205.10	218.80	+3.40	0.69
Extra Income	73.80	78.76	-0.82	5.63
Gilt & FI	57.05	60.21	-0.62	6.15
Gold	58.58	62.98	+0.78	0.0
Income	55.39	59.08	-0.02	3.94
Intnl	33.58	35.80	...	0.70
Jap Smaller Cos	408.80	436.00	+5.80	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	248.30	266.20	+0.90	0.0
Smaller Cos	32.40	34.83	+0.72	0.57
Special Sits	37.03	39.81	+0.06	1.54
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	+0.10	4.50
Tokyo	93.75	100.00	+0.87	0.0
UK Equity	175.70	187.40	+0.90	2.65
US Smaller Cos	109.10	116.60	+4.10	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 986/7				
GANDA	236.50	250.00	+0.60	1.96
Cash	49.64	50.38	+0.02	4.34
Growth Portfolio	81.97	86.88	+0.63	0.35
Income Portfolio	67.51	71.39	+0.15	3.49
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	161.70	173.00	-0.80	...
European	548.10	586.20	+8.70	1.23
Far East & Gen	279.80	299.30	-1.00	...
Germany	128.80	137.00	+1.60	...
Income Inc	154.00	164.80	+1.40	4.28
International	345.50	369.60	+9.20	...
Intl Income	81.76	86.85	-0.61	4.07
Japan & General	442.30	470.90	+4.30	...
Korean Securities	71.32	76.28	+1.89	0.17
Smllr Cos Div Inc	52.94	56.62	+0.39	3.97
UK Capital (Inc)	188.70	201.90	+0.40	1.74
UK Spec Sits	93.56	100.10	+1.14	0.33
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.00	54.55	-0.09	1.87
Cash Trust	132.96	132.98	+0.09	4.29
Practical Inv Inc	115.70	123.84	+0.21	3.55
UK Index	144.75	147.30	+0.03	2.94
UK Smaller Cos	124.84	133.52	+0.68	0.83
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.91	27.71	-0.03	8.84
High Income	33.78	36.13	-0.11	4.76
UK Equity Income	135.23	144.63	-0.86	3.69
Global Bond	28.83	29.97	-0.16	4.74
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	59.13	63.24	+1.88	...
Global Inc & Gth	134.06	142.93	+0.20	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	110.21	117.87	-5.06	0.86
Global Utilities	128.21	137.12	-0.41	0.80
Overseas Funds				
American	133.02	142.45	+0.66	0.91
European	98.01	103.74	+1.14	0.73
Euro Sel Opps	136.17	144.52	+2.30	...
Amer Emerging	94.47	101.04	+1.77	...
Hong Kong	147.70	157.97	-2.67	1.41
Japan	264.65	281.28	+0.28	...
Pacific Growth	217.47	232.59	-2.37	1.20
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	214.00	214.00	+1.33	1.74
Long Term Bal	232.19	232.19	+1.48	2.21
Med Term Bal	194.66	194.66	+1.36	2.79
UK Equity	239.35	239.35	+2.13	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	146.10	146.10	+0.76	1.71
American	223.02	223.02	+0.94	1.30
Japan	142.45	142.45	-2.07	...
European	253.68	253.68	+2.95	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	166.62	166.62	-0.36	3.20
Fixed Interest	155.47	155.47	-0.12	6.32
Amer Emerging	245.31	245.31	+4.74	...
Pacific	240.32	240.32	-1.85	0.69
Emerging Mkts	170.26	170.26	+8.89	...
Index Strat Japan	161.67	161.67	-2.76	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	184.62	184.62	-8.04	1.05
-do- Cont Europe	146.89	146.89	-0.84	1.57
Index Strat USA	125.86	125.86	-0.51	2.29
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	101.13	107.59	+0.67	...
Med Term Bal	92.53	98.44	+0.69	...
Long Term Bal	104.57	111.24	+0.81	...
UK Equity	110.52	117.58	+1.05	...
UK Emerging Cos	68.51	72.88	+0.37	...
American	103.56	110.17	+0.46	...
Japan	68.53	72.90	-1.06	...
European	105.74	112.49	+1.31	...
Fixed Interest	78.07	83.05	-0.07	...
Index Linked Gilt	73.82	78.53	+0.17	...
Deposit	77.34	82.27	+0.10	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	126.38	133.03	+2.69	...
Berkeley Income	114.56	120.59	+0.92	2.11
BWH Intl	139.83	147.19	+2.45	0.58
Redliff Gth Port Inc	62.18	65.63	+0.86	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.66	60.86	+0.34	3.40
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	141.10	149.40	-1.30	0.03
Higher Income	132.50	139.10	-1.30	1.76
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	570.79	607.23	+14.51	0.27
European Inc	144.86	154.11	+0.79	...
Amalgam Inc	147.52	156.12	-2.31	...
N America Inc	331.82	353.00	-12.59	...
Far East Inc	355.80	378.51	+11.24	0.20
UK Divid Inc	170.70	181.60	+3.59	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	82.13	86.60	-2.22	3.91
UK Small Cos	53.06	56.75	+2.04	0.81
British Growth	53.24	58.32	-0.30	2.12
American Gwth	153.04	163.66	+3.18	...
Japan Gwth	88.97	95.16	-0.56	...
Greater China	192.18	205.54	-0.07	...
Pacific Strategy	167.05	178.66	-0.74	...
European Gwth	87.12	93.18	+1.81	0.17
Intl Growth	147.76	158.05	+1.27	0.97
US Index (E)	12.91	13.61	-0.32	3.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	78.95	83.46	+0.14	1.89
Monthly Income	40.67	41.20	-0.16	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	10.53	11.09	-0.03	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	97.90	104.15	+4.24	1.13
Bridge Income	263.41	280.22	+3.41	5.34
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	135.10	135.10	+0.10	3.31
European	484.80	517.90	+8.00	0.13
Gilt & Fixed	127.80	135.70	-1.20	4.71
Growth Equity	341.30	364.60	-3.10	2.03
Income Trust	125.00	133.50	-0.60	2.92
International	185.80	198.50	+1.40	...
Japan Trust	139.80	149.30	-0.70	...
Nth American	263.00	280.90	-2.20	...
Pacific	548.10	585.50	-10.10	...
Guardhill	499.40	533.50	+3.10	1.81
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	111.11	115.34	+1.77	7.61
Global High Inc	113.63	117.94	+0.54	8.14
Prem Fixed Int	107.09	111.18	+0.28	8.32
Eqty & Bond Inc	100.98	107.36	-0.38	4.84
European Growth	99.98	106.30	+3.69	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.46	65.35	+1.43	...
High Income	119.38	126.93	+1.89	3.47
Recovery	394.40	419.30	+6.50	1.15
St Vinc High Inc	129.97	131.91	+0.29	0.69
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	39.16	41.52	+0.35	1.48
Income Advtg Inc	31.49	33.38	-0.04	3.63
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 398				
Model Pfolio	202.30	214.60	+0.40	1.75
Smaller Cos	36.36	38.68	+1.11	1.06
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
PO Box 2252, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 298 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	300.66	321.70	+2.22	1.36
Best of British	63.48	67.93	+0.23	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	124.66	134.03	+0.46	1.05
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	277.97	296.03	-1.04	2.99
High Income	326.83	349.37	-0.36	3.79
Extra Income	282.68	300.94	-0.99	5.16
Pref & Gilt	47.78	51.36	-0.39	8.63
International				
International	269.84	287.83	+1.77	...
Global Bond	54.65	57.99	-0.44	6.75
Family of Funds	82.30	87.82	+1.05	0.31
Global Tech	144.85	154.91	+1.19	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	177.09	189.38	-1.77	0.07
European	484.60	513.41	+9.95	0.31
European Income	85.56	90.71	+0.97	2.84
Euro Smllr Cos	149.02	159.85	+1.73	0.42
Eur Sp Sits	69.96	74.68	+1.42	0.23
Japan Trust	228.34	243.04	+1.42	...
Japan Special Sits	266.71	284.15	+0.42	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	255.60	271.93	+1.23	0.04
North American	234.65	249.54	+1.14	0.35
American Smaller	99.79	106.67	+1.56	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	53.01	56.19	+0.83	...
Eur Sp Sits	60.04	63.64	+1.15	...
General Growth	42.22	44.75	+0.12	...
Global Tech	56.67	60.07	+0.47	...
Income Growth	41.73	44.23	-0.16	...
Japan Growth	27.93	29.60	+0.18	...
Overseas Growth	39.37	41.73	+0.28	...
Smaller Cos	22.06	23.37	+0.07	...
Special Opps	29.17	30.92	-0.09	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	99.49	106.40	+0.70	1.77
Capital	175.60	187.80	+1.30	1.36
Dollar	335.20	358.50	+0.20	...
European	247.20	264.30	+4.50	0.20
Far East	332.80	355.10	+0.60	0.07
Financial	811.60	868.00	+13.10	0.95
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.90	26.90	+0.14	7.62
High Yield	109.40	116.90	-0.50	3.85
Income & Growth	146.30	156.40	-0.80	2.94
International	253.70	271.30	+2.90	0.01
Japanese General	218.60	233.70	+2.50	...
Japan Tech	87.91	94.02	+0.58	...
Nat Resources	75.04	80.25	+3.74	...
Portfolio	74.04	79.18	-0.05	1.69
Security	332.30	355.40	+2.00	1.74
Smaller Cos	137.90	147.40	+3.40	0.88
Special Sits	154.80	165.50	+1.40	1.10
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	190.30	203.00	-2.50	1.43
Eurotrack 100	157.70	167.70	+1.20	0.95
Footsie Fund	51.56	54.59	-0.07	2.20
Japan Index	86.43	92.24	+0.40	0.05
Tiger Index	198.70	212.10	-4.20	0.11
Trixie Index	119.20	122.20	-1.30	1.65
UK Index	137.40	146.60	-0.10	2.82
Active Funds				
American Growth	461.80	492.10	-1.50	0.39
Asian	56.18	59.96	+0.10	0.35
Capital	586.70	626.20	+4.90	1.61
European Growth	116.20	123.30	+2.50	...
Global Bond	22.55	23.81	-0.25	6.25
Hong Kong Gwth	105.00	112.10	-3.90	0.56
Income	550.10	587.10	-2.90	3.64
Intl Growth	79.12	84.44	+0.14	0.06
Japan Growth	316.40	337.70	+3.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.58	43.31	+0.56	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	75.82	80.92	+0.22	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520300 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	60.00	64.17	...	2.62
(Accum Units)	62.32	66.65	...	2.62
British Tst	82.02	87.72	-0.11	1.94
(Accum Units)	94.44	101.00	-0.10	1.94
Extra High Inc	69.73	74.58	-0.55	5.97
(Accum Units)	129.00	137.90	-1.00	5.97
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.69	56.92	-0.68	6.55
(Accum Units)	151.50	157.70	-1.90	6.55
High Yield	232.50	248.70	+1.20	4.52
(Accum Units)	558.20	596.90	+2.90	4.52
Income	296.60	317.20	-1.70	2.83
(Accum Units)	634.00	678.00	-3.80	2.83
Money Market UT	49.58	49.58	+0.05	4.51
(Accum Units)	75.23	75.23	+0.08	4.51
Monthly Income	86.64	92.66	-0.46	4.82
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.67	103.90	-0.10	1.39
European Growth	111.50	119.00	+2.40	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	81.79	86.78	-1.00	6.39
Income	85.51	90.97	-0.44	2.90
Japan Growth	59.97	63.80	+0.75	...
Managed	66.89	71.16	-0.38	2.47
Money Market	83.79	88.81	+0.11	4.52
North American	85.18	90.62	-0.24	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.73	94.39	-0.10	1.87
European Growth	105.30	112.00	+2.20	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.95	82.71	-0.95	6.36
Income	84.02	89.38	-0.44	2.87
Japan Growth	59.76	63.57	+0.74	...
Managed	64.36	68.47	+0.03	2.43
Money Market	77.44	82.08	+0.10	4.48
North American	77.67	82.63	-0.21	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.93	94.61	-0.11	1.86
European Growth	102.80	109.40	+2.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.92	76.32	-0.91	6.42
Income	83.34	88.66	-0.45	2.86
Japan Growth	61.22	65.13	+0.76	...
Managed	67.13	71.41	+0.40	2.43
Money Market	72.54	76.89	+0.08	4.53
North American	86.02	91.51	-0.23	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.64	77.18	+0.32	0.27
Smaller Cos	32.91	34.96	+0.23	1.13
Special Features	31.76	33.74	-0.14	1.42
(Accum Units)	38.14	40.52	-0.15	1.42
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	76.74	81.53	-0.30	1.88
Accum Units	92.26	98.02	-0.36	1.88
General Equities	73.71	78.31	-0.26	2.71
Great British Cos	52.32	55.94	-0.36	1.90
Managed Invest	102.10	109.10	+0.30	1.48
PEP Managed	72.57	77.49	+0.02	2.20
Rupert Child Tst	81.07	86.54	-0.26	1.96
UK Growth	58.86	62.98	-0.30	1.70
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.35	50.35	+0.03	3.73
Cashbox (Acc)	57.89	57.89	+0.03	3.73
Extra Income	85.40	91.41	-1.08	5.01
Gilt	27.62	29.09	-0.40	6.25
Income & Growth	41.33	44.15	-0.19	3.27
Monthly Gilt & FI	74.38	76.09	-0.20	7.33
Preference Shares	19.22	20.42	+0.01	6.14
UK Income	334.90	357.80	-1.80	3.30
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	66.26	70.40	-0.69	0.85
Property Shares	79.40	85.50	-0.13	1.25
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.17	53.30	-0.29	0.58
US Smaller Cos	110.20	116.80	-0.50	...
(Accum Units)	111.40	117.90	-0.40	...
Europe Perf	158.40	168.30	+3.80	...
(Accum Units)	163.70	174.00	+3.90	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.80	31.61	+0.34	...
French Growth	78.96	84.01	+1.77	0.03
Accum Units	84.59	90.00	+1.90	0.03
H Kong & China	87.59	94.16	-1.34	1.64
Intl Growth	58.25	61.89	...	0.30
Accum Units	58.55	62.20	+0.01	0.30
Japan Perf	37.87	40.23	+0.07	...
Accum Units	37.87	40.23	+0.07	...
Japan Smaller Cos	48.78	51.80	+0.48	...
Singapore ASEAN	111.20	120.60	+0.40	...
Accum Units	112.00	121.50	+0.40	...
SE Asia	326.60	347.00	-0.50	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	92.73	98.86	-0.37	1.48
Intl Bond	55.59	56.35	-0.17	6.64
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	146.80	156.20	-2.00	...
Income	139.96	148.90	+0.35	4.02
UK Growth	53.15	56.54	-0.09	0.95
International	86.33	91.84	+0.19	0.24
Ecology	81.24	86.42	+0.26	...
European	116.86	123.60	+0.65	...
Far Eastern	333.10	354.30	-1.50	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 0277 227 300				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	53.85	57.28	+0.12	6.82
Gilt Yield	116.10	122.50	-1.80	7.13
Global Income	223.60	237.90	...	3.63
High Yield	142.90	152.00	-2.00	5.69
Smllr Cos Div	57.99	61.59	-0.29	2.81
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.63	99.61	+1.00	...
North American	74.84	79.62	-0.35	0.31
European Special	99.36	105.70	+2.30	1.18
European	155.90	165.90	+0.80	1.18
General	280.60	298.50	-3.00	3.02
Japan	466.10	495.90	+0.40	...
Japanese Special	275.10	292.70	-2.50	...
Master Accum	249.40	265.30	+2.00	0.81
Pacific	356.00	378.70	+4.10	0.22
Smaller Cos	124.60	132.50	+4.20	0.88
UK Equity Growth	44.06	46.87	-0.14	1.66
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1603				
Global Inc & Gth	65.06	69.21	+0.05	0.80
Inv Trust	71.40	75.96	+0.19	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	61.47	65.40	+0.62	1.40
High Inc Acc	56.16	59.75	-0.08	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	624.10	636.80	-2.80	5.03
Intl & General	436.30	445.20	-0.30	0.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	57.47	61.14	-0.12	4.09
Smaller Cos	56.41	59.69	+0.50	0.84
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	252.40	268.60	-0.60	1.69
High Income	110.40	117.40	-1.00	3.75
International	96.60	102.80	+1.60	0.38
Recovery Trust	66.22	70.45	+1.09	1.20
European Trust	84.77	90.18	+0.35	0.48
Japanese Trust	48.73	51.84	+0.41	...
American Trust	77.82	82.79	+0.52	0.13
Managed	67.50	71.81	+0.22	0.40
Cash	50.16	50.16	+0.02	3.87
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	354.90	360.80	+3.80	2.13
UK Inc/Gth	383.80	389.80	+1.10	2.89
UK Income	269.70	274.10	-0.30	3.59
UK Sm Cos	257.20	266.40	+1.00	1.45
Euro Gwth	127.10	128.10	+3.40	...
N Amer Gwth	76.07	76.91	+1.15	0.09
Jap & Pac Gth	86.10	87.12	+0.26	...
Money Mkt	118.466	118.466	...	2.330
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	465.50	495.20	-0.20	2.45
Equity Income	101.10	107.60	-0.20	3.08
UK Tactical Allocn	54.81	58.27	-0.39	2.80
European	117.80	125.30	+2.50	0.82
Far Eastern	246.80	262.60	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	52.24	55.57	-0.54	7.32
Gilt	88.61	93.97	-1.50	6.71
Global Growth	81.55	86.76	+1.28	0.44
Intl Bond	53.13	56.41	-1.04	5.19
Japanese	84.74	90.15	+1.20	...
North American	149.70	159.20	-1.00	0.48
Pacific Growth	118.30	125.90	-0.40	...
UK Index	61.66	65.08	-0.01	2.98
UK Recovery	92.71	98.63	+0.38	1.52
UK Smaller Cos	128.20	136.40	+0.50	0.99
US Index	57.30	60.48	-0.81	1.92
European Index	74.96	79.11	+0.98	1.49
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 421				
Growth	48.90	52.30	-0.46	2.68
Income	59.56	63.87	-0.16	3.68
Far East	58.99	63.09	-0.07	...
North American	94.41	101.00	+0.70	...
Global	97.24	104.00	-0.10	0.66
European	87.89	93.82	+0.27	0.96
Japan	121.90	130.40	-1.00	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.95	61.39	-0.21	6.20
SE Asia	118.50	126.80	-0.40	0.74
UK Cap Growth	92.22	98.63	+0.28	1.88
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	347.30	369.50	+2.10	2.58
-do- Acc	770.90	820.20	+4.80	2.58
Contl Euro Gth	63.16	66.49	+0.65	0.87
-do- Acc	67.28	70.83	+0.71	0.87
Extra Inc	259.30	274.70	+3.20	3.74
-do- Acc	647.30	688.70	+8.00	3.74
German Gth	129.50	136.40	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	138.80	143.00	+1.50	...
Growth Port	552.70	588.00	+3.00	0.11
-do- Acc	557.40	593.00	+3.00	0.11
Income	481.20	512.00	-0.60	3.66
-do- Acc	£12.72	£13.54	-2.00	3.66
Income Port	512.20	544.90	-1.10	3.84
-do- Acc	529.50	563.30	-1.20	3.84
Japan Growth	115.00	122.40	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	115.40	122.80	+1.20	...
Master Trust	58.68	62.43	+0.14	1.39
-do- Acc	64.60	68.73	+0.16	1.39
N American Gen	180.30	191.90	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	208.30	221.60	+1.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.80	144.50	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	138.60	147.50	+1.40	...
Pacific Basin	260.80	277.50	-3.30	0.48
-do- Acc	276.70	294.40	-3.40	0.48
Small Cos Rec	377.20	397.10	+12.70	1.91
-do- Acc	499.60	525.90	+21.10	1.91
UK Growth	86.99	92.55	+1.83	2.11
-do- Acc	103.40	110.00	+2.10	2.11
Worldwide Gth	324.40	345.20	+3.80	0.15
-do- Acc	478.60	509.20	+5.50	0.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.64	68.28	+0.22	0.30
General	87.98	94.40	+0.30	2.50
Income	68.08	73.05	+0.06	5.00
International	65.69	70.48	+0.55	0.70
Japan	63.12	67.73	+0.29	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.08	75.19	+0.07	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	388.30	410.60	-1.00	0.84
(Accum Units)	481.10	508.80	+1.30	0.84
Amer Recovery	441.40	466.80	-3.50	0.35
(Accum Units)	506.00	535.10	-3.80	0.35
Amer Smllr Cos	124.20	131.30	...	...
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.10	...	...
Australasian	165.70	175.30	-2.70	1.46
(Accum Units)	199.70	211.10	-3.30	1.46
Capital	829.30	877.00	+2.30	2.02
(Accum Units)	932.90	986.20	+2.60	2.02
Charifund	705.00	712.10	-7.10	5.13
(Accum Units)	£31.10	£31.41	-31.20	5.13
Commodity	394.50	417.40	+5.30	0.25
(Accum Units)	577.80	610.90	+7.70	0.25
Compound Grth	921.40	976.50	-11.40	2.45
(Accum Units)	955.60	£10.10	-2.30	2.45
Dividend	40.70	43.00	-0.20	4.11
(Accum Units)	164.40	173.80	-0.80	4.11
Equity Income	358.40	379.00	+3.30	4.56
(Accum Units)	446.70	472.40	+4.10	4.56
Euro & General	523.20	553.30	+11.00	0.57
(Accum Units)	658.20	696.10	+13.80	0.57
Euro Dividend	72.80	77.00	+1.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	84.90	89.50	+1.30	3.32
Extra Yield	417.50	441.50	-4.10	4.47
(Accum Units)	£12.66	£13.39	-12.30	4.47
Far Eastern	375.50	397.10	-7.30	0.42
(Accum Units)	496.10	524.70	-9.60	0.42
Fund of Inv Tsts	637.70	674.40	+3.20	1.69
(Accum Units)	£11.71	£12.39	+5.90	1.69
General	61.00	64.50	-0.40	3.61
(Accum Units)	165.70	175.40	-1.20	3.61
Gilt Income	61.48	61.58	-0.54	6.92
(Accum Units)	161.15	161.40	-1.43	6.92
Gold	67.20	71.10	+2.40	0.69
(Accum Units)	79.00	83.60	+2.80	0.69
High Income	28.90	30.60	-0.10	4.35
(Accum Units)	111.40	117.80	-0.60	4.35
Intl Growth	79.30	83.90	+1.20	0.79
(Accum Units)	137.60	145.50	+2.10	0.79
International Inc	102.60	108.50	+0.40	4.26
(Accum Units)	148.30	156.80	+0.60	4.26
Japan & Gen	52.60	55.60	+0.90	...
(Accum Units)	56.50	59.70	+0.60	...
Japan Smlr Cos	188.70	199.60	+1.90	...
(Accum Units)	190.00	200.90	+1.80	...
Managed Income	28.00	29.40	...	3.77
Midland	66.60	70.40	-0.30	2.40
(Accum Units)	219.00	231.50	-1.00	2.40
Pension Ex	939.90	963.40	-22.70	3.86
Recovery	43.20	45.70	-0.20	2.09
(Accum Units)	69.40	73.50	-0.20	2.09
Second General	72.80	76.70	-0.10	3.28
(Accum Units)	181.90	192.40	-0.30	3.28
Smaller Cos	73.20	77.40	+0.60	2.48
(Accum Units)	142.10	150.40	+1.20	2.48
Treasury	25.01	25.05	+0.01	4.67
Trustee	42.60	45.10	-0.30	4.08
(Accum Units)	168.00	177.70	-0.90	4.08
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	84.13	89.50	+1.72	0.41
High Income	285.10	303.20	-1.50	4.38
Intl Bond	65.53	68.93	-0.10	5.60
Intl Equity Growth	71.67	76.24	+0.15	0.37
N Amer Growth	93.90	99.89	-0.41	0.76
Special Sits Growth	22.85	24.30	+0.26	1.23
UK Growth	372.80	396.50	+1.00	2.46
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.89	£13.14	+3.40	2.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	144.30	148.20	+1.00	3.87
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	189.40	202.60	+0.20	2.16
Gilt & Fxd Int	171.30	180.50	-1.30	7.14
Intl Growth	214.40	228.60	+1.10	0.21
North American	175.50	187.70	-0.50	0.49
Far East	274.10	293.20	-1.80	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	175.50	187.70	+1.00	1.58
European	84.57	89.87	+2.01	0.22
Japanese Growth	31.99	33.34	+0.13	...
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	150.50	160.10	-0.40	1.96
-do- Accum	169.90	180.70	-0.50	1.96
UK Sel Pfolio	128.30	136.50	-0.40	2.15
-do- Accum	146.30	155.60	-0.40	2.15
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	66.14	70.36	+0.32	3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	74.79	79.39	+0.02	4.07
European	84.35	89.54	+2.10	0.37
Income & Growth	77.07	81.82	+0.79	2.90
Nth American	57.39	60.82	-0.21	0.36
Far East	173.50	184.20	+2.80	...
Charities	117.80	125.00	-0.30	3.33
Japan	62.17	66.00	+0.03	...
Emging Mkts	112.40	120.20	+3.90	0.30
Intl Growth	110.70	117.50	+1.70	0.24
UK Growth	91.25	96.87	+0.81	0.76
Asian Opps Fd	39.89	42.66	-0.15	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	198.70	211.20	+2.80	...
(Accum Units)	212.40	225.80	+3.10	...
American Opps	86.73	92.51	+0.58	...
(Accum Units)	87.82	93.67	...	...
British Blue Chip	79.22	84.30	+0.68	2.99
(Accum Units)	95.90	102.00	+0.80	2.99
Cash	100.20	100.20	...	4.75
(Accum Units)	134.00	134.00	...	4.75
Emerging Mkts	119.10	128.10	+0.50	...
European Growth	251.90	266.90	...	0.60
(Accum Units)	271.20	287.30	...	0.60
European Income	86.28	91.30	...	2.67
(Accum Units)	113.00	119.50	...	2.67
General	515.10	549.30	...	2.20
(Accum Units)	998.00	1064	...	2.20
Global Bond	123.20	129.50	...	6.15
(Accum Units)	144.90	152.40	...	6.15
Gold & General	184.50	198.40	...	0.47
(Accum Units)	188.60	202.80	+7.90	0.47
Govt Securities	93.18	96.08	...	7.40
(Accum Units)	172.70	178.00	...	7.40
Income	154.20	164.10	...	4.23
(Accum Units)	233.90	248.90	...	4.23
International	459.20	489.00	...	0.57
(Accum Units)	612.40	652.30	...	0.57
Japan	211.90	224.50	...	...
(Accum Units)	217.50	230.50	...	...
New Europe	176.90	188.70	+3.80	1.38
(Accum Units)	180.80	192.90	+3.90	1.38
Pacific	127.00	135.50	...	0.62
(Accum Units)	135.00	144.00	...	0.60
Recovery	346.90	370.00	...	2.42
(Accum Units)	441.20	470.60	...	2.42
UK Smaller Cos	62.09	66.23	...	1.64
(Accum Units)	69.80	74.45	...	1.64
Portfolio	81.24	86.40	...	2.62
(Accum Units)	94.50	100.50	...	2.62
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	117.17	124.65	+1.19	0.86
Intl Strategy	67.19	71.48	+0.57	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.38	81.26	+0.06	4.61
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.41	13.19	+0.16	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	307.60	327.50	+1.40	...
European Gth Inc	396.40	423.30	+6.20	...
Intl Gwth	195.00	208.30	+0.30	...
UK Equity Inc	177.90	189.30	+0.40	3.04
UK Ind Trckr Inc	157.90	168.90	-0.60	2.72
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	189.70	201.30	-2.60	1.45
Japan Tracker	82.91	87.78	+0.14	...
Asian Trader	209.20	227.30	-1.60	0.47
Managed Inc	151.10	162.50	-0.10	1.60
Deposit Inc	99.99	99.99	+0.05	3.89
Europa	177.90	191.40	+0.20	...
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	95.41	97.65	+0.18	2.27
Acumen Inc	91.31	93.45	+0.17	2.27
Acumen Reserve	81.55	82.68	-0.27	7.14
-do- Inc	73.72	74.47	-0.24	7.14
American Growth	168.50	173.30	+1.50	0.91
Cash Income	49.90	50.41	+0.02	4.20
Equity Income	97.93	100.70	...	4.49
European	76.11	77.97	+1.50	0.37
Smaller Cos	81.46	84.93	+0.40	1.09
Olympiad	68.46	70.34	+0.89	...
Global Bond	46.91	47.51	+0.12	6.45
UK Growth	92.74	95.22	+0.56	2.02
Pacific Growth	108.90	112.70	-1.30	...
Japan Growth	100.30	102.80	+0.30	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	118.38	125.94	-0.78	2.86
For NM Funds see Friends Provident				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 3322				
UK Growth	75.70	80.54	-0.41	1.80
UK Income	109.60	116.60	-0.90	3.58
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.99	77.24	-0.52	5.98
Higher Income	226.90	241.40	-0.10	4.44
Smaller Cos	87.58	93.18	+0.47	1.52
International	99.45	105.80	-0.53	1.22
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
American Dist	105.60	112.90	-0.40	...
European Dist	110.40	118.10	+1.00	...
Far East Dist	189.50	202.70	-1.10	...
Global Curr Dist	72.41	77.44	-0.22	2.10
Oseas Dist	£10.45	£11.18	+5.90	0.13
UK Dist	341.50	365.20	-0.70	2.41
UK Extra Inc Dist	76.41	81.72	-0.82	3.56
Wwide Dist	106.00	113.40	+1.30	...
Wwide Inc Dist	69.92	74.78	-0.67	2.19
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	64.41	67.98	+1.24	0.25
Fund of Funds Inc	58.58	61.83	+0.20	0.66
North America Inc	47.54	50.17	-0.08	0.42
UK Equity Gth Inc	60.55	63.91	-0.07	1.75
UK General Inc	57.72	60.92	-0.11	2.23
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.30	49.87	-0.47	6.63
UK Income Inc	59.11	62.39	-0.19	2.76
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	223.24	237.49	-0.24	3.54
Global	345.90	367.98	+2.58	2.17
General	190.19	202.34	+0.38	2.28
Bond	126.70	134.54	-0.09	6.55
Growth	124.29	132.22	+0.59	2.40
Intrepid	121.35	126.41	-1.88	1.70
Bridge Fund	87.44	93.03	...	...
Distributor	90.88	96.69	+0.12	4.26
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	123.33	131.20	+0.45	1.70
UK Equity	139.89	148.82	+0.49	2.62
UK Equity Income	135.24	143.87	+0.43	2.91
UK Smaller Cos	127.19	135.31	-0.86	0.96
UK Equity Growth	129.87	138.16	+0.39	1.94
UK Index Trckg	138.99	147.86	+1.27	3.29
Intl Index Trckg	144.82	154.06	-0.18	1.04
International	235.63	250.67	+1.17	0.55
European	193.99	206.37	+3.45	0.31
Pan European	131.73	140.14	+1.85	1.13
Nth American	155.77	165.71	-0.37	0.55
N Amer Smlr Cos	175.93	187.16	+1.09	...
Japanese	105.26	111.98	+0.44	...
Pacific	241.92	257.36	-1.12	0.26
South East Asian	260.11	276.71	-2.01	0.34
Intl Bond	133.64	142.08	-0.73	5.01
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	239.00	254.30	+0.80	2.30
Growth	154.90	163.00	+0.80	2.44
Income	239.60	254.90	-0.40	3.38
Intl Equity	254.30	270.50	+0.60	0.66
UK Income	66.49	70.73	-0.17	2.94
UK Intl 25	78.59	83.60	-0.41	1.76
New Europe	79.91	85.00	+1.19	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	601.73	643.57	+4.38	0.27
Income	328.89	351.76	-1.35	3.19
Wwide Recovery	376.50	402.68	-2.59	0.36
Amer Growth Inc	212.65	227.44	+0.93	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.21	267.61	+3.25	0.12
Far Estn Grth Inc	294.60	315.09	-3.58	0.05
Euro Gwth Inc	146.94	157.16	+2.29	0.48
UK Growth Inc	84.33	90.20	+0.01	2.45
High Income	92.60	99.04	-0.47	3.84
Jap Gwth Inc	252.26	269.46	+0.61	0.01
PEP Growth	118.31	126.54	+0.54	0.87
Asian Str Mkts Inc	124.99	133.68	-2.07	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	128.23	137.15	+0.98	0.01
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
30 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	102.04	108.55	+4.09	...
European	72.01	76.61	+1.84	...
Global	67.67	71.99	+1.31	...
Pacific	68.03	72.37	+0.10	...
UK Inc & Grth	66.06	70.28	+0.72	1.97
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
SRI Director Digs	102.06	108.70	+0.48	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	161.27	169.76	-2.77	0.62
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	60.37	63.09	+1.17	2.20
Growth Income	64.67	68.55	+0.83	1.46
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	134.50	143.19	-0.86	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 487				
American Income	93.94	99.94	-0.24	3.40
Conv & Gilt	126.80	134.90	+4.40	5.55
European Income	77.54	82.49	+0.84	3.68
Extra Income	158.60	168.80	+0.33	3.64
Far East	410.30	436.40	-1.50	0.28
Global Income	27.02	28.75	-0.18	4.21
High Income	119.80	127.40	...	3.45
International	213.30	226.90	+5.30	0.56
Pref & Fxd Int	44.14	46.96	+0.71	7.39
Recovery	82.06	87.30	+0.51	2.10
Special Sits	112.10	119.20	+2.60	1.13
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	53.01	56.42	+0.08	2.49
International	93.69	99.66	-0.51	0.66
Gilt	25.45	26.24	-0.42	6.73
Income & Gwth	72.71	77.35	-0.55	4.71
European	56.01	59.59	+1.42	1.07
American	51.62	54.92	-0.18	0.05
Emerging Mkts	88.44	94.08	+1.20	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	33.21	35.33	+0.18	1.53
Gilt/Fixed Interest	26.04	27.70	+0.07	5.70
Global PEP	40.97	43.16	+0.45	1.45
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	273.60	292.00	+1.50	0.71
Japan Inc	115.80	123.60	+0.10	...
Nth American Inc	104.80	113.30	+0.90	0.12
Worldwide Inc	168.40	181.70	+1.30	0.71
Hong Kong Inc	144.60	156.00	-5.00	0.21
Swiss Equities Inc	66.62	73.58	+0.76	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	61.13	64.83	+0.65	5.37
Emging Asia Inc	202.70	220.90	+0.40	0.40
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.40	50.40	+0.04	4.85
Thailand Inc	137.90	148.60	-2.70	0.91
Gold Trust Inc	78.62	85.38	+3.24	0.17
New Zealand Inc	87.66	93.80	+0.17	1.16
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.43	71.77	+0.05	1.66
Latin Am Cmp Inc	83.27	90.53	+7.43	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	57.43	61.82	+0.01	2.30
Le Fond Francais	69.05	74.38	+1.35	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.68	87.36	+1.21	1.46
Global Portfolio	73.85	78.48	+1.02	...
Global Opps	73.97	79.11	-0.77	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	69.82	74.04	-0.14	1.85
AAM Global Equity	58.23	61.95	+0.91	0.79
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	88.88	95.75	+0.49	0.93
CAM Int Recvy Inc	46.35	50.35	-0.54	1.01
Temple Equity Inc	47.34	51.58	-0.08	2.77
Hartley Growth	80.38	85.51	-0.79	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	85.03	90.56	-0.50	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	89.18	95.38	+3.15	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	49.76	52.31	-0.14	2.40
Premier Perfmt Inc	69.86	74.72	-0.84	0.87
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.10	79.25	+1.45	0.34
Tech Analysis	105.60	112.30	+1.10	0.28
Rosebery Growth	42.84	46.12	+0.85	...
International Strat	77.57	82.96	-1.50	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	55.68	59.33	+0.58	...
Coverdale Topour	51.97	56.04	+0.87	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	168.80	179.60	+1.00	1.86
European Gth	97.78	103.60	+1.40	0.39
Income & Gth	136.70	145.40	+0.30	2.42
Japan Gth	132.70	140.60	+0.40	...
Nth Amer Gth	109.90	116.90	+1.20	...
Overseas Gth	88.45	94.07	+0.30	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	36.96	39.52	-0.05	1.43
Cash Haven Inc	101.51	102.00	+0.05	3.83
Cash Haven Acc	108.64	109.17	+0.06	3.83
Dist Trust Inc	94.54	101.11	-0.25	4.95
Dist Trust Acc	94.54	101.11	-0.25	4.95
Global Growth	89.48	95.70	-0.41	1.10
Equity Inc	83.43	89.22	+0.04	3.44
Equity	710.68	760.08	-3.03	2.39
European	214.37	229.27	-1.99	0.70
High Income	87.88	93.98	-1.33	3.74
Intl Grth	182.54	195.22	-1.20	0.62
Intl Sm Co	81.16	86.80	-0.18	0.24
Japanese	232.07	248.20	+1.73	...
Nth Amer	157.36	167.93	-3.79	1.36
Pacific Mkts	102.45	109.57	-3.25	0.80
Premier Inc	47.88	49.84	-0.30	4.27
Sm Cos	93.94	100.47	+0.46	1.66
Spec Sits	108.54	116.08	-0.34	2.17
UK Growth	118.85	127.11	...	2.10
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	308.30	327.00	+0.60	2.99
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	97.83	103.80	-0.50	2.01
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	508.80	542.05	-0.49	0.58
FA America (Acc)	593.02	631.66	-0.56	0.58
FA UK Equity Inc	157.34	167.94	-0.88	3.37
FA Japan	294.82	313.85	+1.07	...
FA Major UK Cos	95.41	101.74	+0.89	2.28
FA Smllr UK Cos	308.69	334.57	+0.50	0.80
FA European	317.19	335.01	+4.61	0.84
FA Amer Smllr Cos	45.57	48.91	+0.30	...
FA Asia	51.56	55.56	-0.68	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.85	60.98	+0.69	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.60	98.52	+0.86	...
UK Smllr Cos	87.43	92.02	+0.12	...
UK Income	90.54	95.09	-0.49	...
America	101.61	106.95	-0.09	...
Japanese	84.62	88.01	+0.33	...
European	100.59	105.88	+1.46	...
Gilt	84.32	88.75	-0.57	...
Deposit	80.17	84.39	+0.08	...
Managed	98.03	103.19	+0.17	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	91.28	96.08	+0.85	...
UK Smaller Cos	85.59	90.09	+0.13	...
UK Income	88.27	92.91	-0.49	...
America	99.09	104.30	-0.09	...
Japanese	63.05	66.36	+0.32	...
European	98.16	103.32	+1.42	...
Gilt	83.40	87.78	-0.64	...
Deposit	76.55	80.58	+0.07	...
Managed	93.34	98.24	+0.27	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UR Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 395 000				
United States	73.44	78.31	-0.19	0.11
Pacific Basin	86.04	92.33	-0.34	...
High Inc Dist	127.80	136.60	+0.60	4.44
Ryl Life Int Cmy	59.38	63.13	-0.28	3.76
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.46	74.15	+0.18	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.88	69.01	+0.57	...
UK Emerging Cos	122.50	133.40	+1.80	1.42
UK Index Trckg	164.90	175.70	+2.40	3.16
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	144.70	153.20	+1.80	0.46
European Growth	112.80	119.20	+2.60	0.53
Far East Growth	131.50	139.90	+2.30	0.24
Japan Growth	152.90	162.20	+1.30	...
Special Sits	201.30	214.10	+1.00	1.32
UK Growth	77.32	82.25	+0.64	2.01
Triton General	242.80	258.30	+3.20	0.84
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6000				
Far East Inc	182.70	193.30	-1.30	0.39
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	359.80	380.70	+5.20	0.29
Growth Inc	136.30	144.20	+0.80	0.35
International Inc	351.80	372.30	+2.00	0.23
Nth Am & Intl Inc	319.90	338.50	-2.80	0.21
UK Gen Prog Inc	215.50	228.00	+1.50	0.44
UK High Inc Inc	138.00	146.00	-0.50	3.49
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	62.40	66.38	-0.01	...
Amer Smllr Cos	82.08	87.32	+1.38	...
Asian Gwth	114.14	121.43	-1.72	0.75
European Gwth	71.02	75.56	+1.18	1.00
Global Bd	59.93	63.31	-0.30	5.00
Global Eq	69.04	73.44	+1.01	0.50
Japanese Eq	62.81	66.81	+0.18	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.10	79.89	+0.07	...
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	67.33	71.63	-1.05	3.98
Amer Smllr Cos	107.30	114.10	+1.10	...
Asian Smaller Cos	52.52	55.87	-1.44	...
Capital Portfolio	128.10	136.30	...	1.73
Capital	168.20	178.90	+0.50	0.31
Cash	122.70	122.70	+0.10	5.35
China Dragon	63.02	67.04	-1.96	0.64
Commodity	128.80	137.00	+4.70	0.46
Eastern Discovery	113.90	121.20	-0.80	...
Energy Inds	124.90	132.90	+2.00	0.53
European Gwth	199.20	211.90	+5.00	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	81.23	86.41	+1.47	1.71
Euro Smllr Cos	53.85	57.29	+0.22	...
Financial Secs	193.90	206.30	-0.60	0.60
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	49.34	52.07	-0.07	8.67
Gold & Exploration	83.55	88.88	+2.82	0.08
High Return	230.00	244.70	-1.10	4.16
High Yield	223.10	237.30	-1.30	3.69
Income	122.30	130.10	-0.10	4.10
Intl Bond	166.10	175.50	-0.50	5.49
ITU	212.30	225.90	+0.40	0.30
Japan Growth	188.70	200.70	-0.10	...
Japan Smaller	218.80	232.90	+4.70	...
Korea	75.43	80.24	-0.97	...
Masterfund	57.46	61.13	+0.62	0.53
Scotbits	287.10	305.40	-1.20	0.86
Scotshares	296.80	315.70	+1.70	1.79
Scotyields	238.30	253.50	-0.60	3.23
Select Intl	145.90	155.20	+0.40	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	258.50	275.00	+1.30	2.93
SE Asia	582.00	619.10	-10.80	...
Special Situation	128.40	136.60	+0.90	0.50
UK Equity	243.50	259.00	+1.00	2.61
UK Growth	66.90	71.17	+0.42	1.47
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	50.34	53.55	+0.52	0.99
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	241.90	257.38	-3.57	0.79
European Gwth	77.18	82.24	+1.06	0.69
Euro Smllr Cos	76.96	82.09	+1.16	0.03
Far Eastern Gth	97.12	103.59	-1.57	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.06	54.89	-1.06	7.57
Global Bond	52.24	53.97	-0.79	5.76
Global Emer Mkts	55.16	58.83	+1.00	...
Income	352.18	375.65	-4.24	3.60
Japan Smllr Cos	345.33	381.89	-3.91	...
Japan Enterprise	73.69	78.60	-0.77	...
Pacific Gwth	137.85	147.04	-0.60	0.08
Seoul	51.71	55.96	-1.16	...
Smaller Cos	217.95	232.47	-0.24	0.48
Tokyo	129.56	138.19	-0.72	...
UK Enterprise	250.51	267.21	+1.79	2.00
UK Equity	239.79	255.77	-1.76	2.56
US Smllr Cos	150.48	160.51	-0.11	...
World Fd	79.81	85.13	-0.57	1.24
Institutional Funds				
European	238.88	248.83	+3.26	1.10
Euro Smllr Cos	30.28	31.54	+0.40	1.49
Global Equity Inc	77.46	80.68	+0.42	0.60
Japan Smllr Cos	42.22	43.97	+0.36	0.02
Mngd Balanced	189.27	197.15	+0.02	2.51
Overseas Equity	188.75	196.61	+0.53	0.73
Oseas Smllr Cos	129.15	134.53	+0.77	0.28
Pacific	250.87	261.32	-1.87	0.86
Recovery	120.04	120.88	-4.53	2.42
UK Index	154.38	160.81	+0.77	3.03
UK Small Cos	121.39	126.44	+0.64	2.25
US Smllr Cos	43.11	44.90	-0.09	0.24
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.46	54.81	+0.40	2.80
Equity Trust	58.73	62.55	+0.66	2.37
Equity Strategy	71.24	75.87	-1.19	0.95
European Oppz	89.77	95.60	+2.24	...
UK Smaller Cos	66.09	70.37	+0.43	0.97
Maximum Income	95.59	101.13	+0.08	4.68
Japanese	86.85	92.40	+0.82	
Asia Pacific	127.70	136.10	-1.41	0.80
American	101.13	107.20		0.42
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	90.11	90.11	+0.02	4.54
UK General Inc	[illegible]	55.75	+0.01	2.96
Intl Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	1.75
European	79.52	84.05	+0.62	1.30
Japan	76.19	81.06	+0.73	0.10
American	63.22	67.30	-0.39	2.24
Far East	90.29	96.57	-0.77	0.18
Ethical Inc	31.82	34.00	+0.05	1.71
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.33	35.63	+0.24	2.71
High Inc Inc	37.57	40.17	-0.14	3.54
UK Global Inc	41.36	43.98	+0.22	1.11
Wwide Tact	75.49	80.00	+0.30	0.60
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	377.70	401.90	-0.50	2.48
American	256.40	272.60	+2.10	0.55
Pacific	415.80	434.80	4.00	0.02
European	547.00	585.70	+5.80	0.99
Worldwide	91.09	99.47	+0.30	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	274.80	292.40	+1.00	2.14
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	212.00	225.60	+0.10	1.26
Select Oppnts Inc	68.72	73.50	-0.70	2.04
Income Plus Inc	72.94	77.60	-0.37	3.60
European Inc	351.70	374.30	+1.10	1.44
Far Eastern Inc	177.00	188.40	-2.60	0.04
Japanese Inc	66.29	71.72	+0.08	
Nth American Inc	240.90	256.40	+1.00	0.41
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	23.95	25.63		2.70
Intl Growth Inc	32.02	34.13		0.63
Market Leaders Inc	22.34	24.11	..	2.84
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	371.30	395.40	+2.50	2.72
UK High Inc	191.50	204.50	+0.50	3.42
Europe Inc	352.30	375.70	+4.90	0.41
Nth Amer Inc	210.50	224.80	+1.70	0.01
Global Inc	212.50	226.60	+0.80	0.54
UK Spec Sits Inc	107.60	114.80	+0.70	2.70
South East Asia	230.00	245.70	-3.40	0.05
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40		4.43
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	164.30	174.40	-0.40	3.42
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 080				
European	126.60	133.30	+1.40	0.77
Nth American	100.40	105.70	-1.20	0.43
Intl Bond & Conv	129.40	136.30	-0.70	4.55
Pooled Pension (L)	187.50	201.30	+0.60	.
Smaller Cos	75.06	79.01	+0.20	1.20
UK General	129.80	136.60	+0.30	1.91
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	409.36	435.30	-5.73	3.91
Global Inc	66.79	71.05	-0.44	2.55
Brit Leaders	325.44	346.21	-4.52	2.63
Intl Leaders	202.80	215.74	+1.51	0.89
PAM Mg Bal Grth	64.12	68.62	+1.10	0.68
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	90.01	..	-0.84	1.29
Aztec‡	95.69	..	..	..
European‡	127.40	..	+2.70	0.0
Global Bonds‡	98.17	..	-0.06	6.76
Samurai‡	98.32	..	-1.36	0.0
UK Growth‡	110.40	..	-0.20	0.23
Tst Pans‡	102.40	..	-3.90	0.0
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	288.50	305.20	+5.50	0.39
Canadian	79.80	84.54	+1.56	0.17
Capital	133.70	143.10	+1.30	0.95
Cash	100.42	100.42	+0.06	4.35
European	139.30	147.40	+2.30	0.30
Far Eastern	179.10	189.50	+4.40	...
Growth	144.50	152.90	+1.70	1.04
Income	128.70	136.20	-0.40	4.40
Magnum	143.30	153.50	+1.50	0.91
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.41	50.91	+0.03	4.10
Capital Prmnce	58.92	62.84	+0.08	7.60
Ethical	57.24	60.89	-0.13	3.00
European Growth	73.94	78.87	+0.86	2.30
Income	56.70	60.47	-0.29	5.90
Intl Growth	99.09	105.70	+0.40	2.60
Managed	82.39	87.88	+0.26	3.30
UK Growth	62.24	66.39	-0.24	3.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.73	53.91	+0.71	1.43
UK Equity Gth Acc	70.87	75.30	-0.49	1.34
-do- High Inc Inc	38.15	40.54	-0.07	3.36
-do- High Inc Acc	46.26	49.16	-0.07	3.36
UK Equity Gen Acc	61.24	65.07	+0.49	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.79	48.66	+0.37	2.11
UK Lrgr Co Acc	425.30	461.50	+2.50	3.30
UK Lrgr Co Inc	318.50	345.60	+1.90	3.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.89	32.86	-0.12	6.28
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	314.40	341.20	+3.80	1.43
Nth American Acc	43.17	45.87	+0.19	0.84
Far East Acc	70.71	75.13	+1.06	0.18
European Acc	53.90	57.27	+1.59	0.53
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	3.841	4.080	+0.02	1.45
US Eqs (US$)	2.254	2.393	+0.03	0.71
Far East Eqts (yen)	265.40	281.00	+1.30	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	257.50	273.50	-0.70	...
FT Europe	130.20	138.30	+2.00	1.09
FT N Amer (US$)	1.712	1.815	+0.03	0.86
FT Japan (yen)	240.20	255.10	-2.00	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.470	2.624	-0.01	0.57
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	359.90	383.90	+6.20	0.06
British	£10.64	£11.25	-1.30	3.24
Emging Mkts	157.60	167.80	+5.20	0.20
European	533.20	567.90	+3.30	0.97
Japan	170.30	180.90	+1.50	...
New Pacific	391.30	418.50	+4.80	0.73
Investment Tst	232.00	245.90	+0.10	1.10
Mngd Equity	180.20	190.60	+1.20	1.32
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	820.20	877.20	-0.10	3.24
North America	126.80	135.60	...	0.54
Far East	156.30	167.20	-0.00	...
Wwide Bond	57.99	61.56	-0.34	4.58
European	108.60	116.10	+1.20	...
Equity Income	93.34	99.83	-0.27	4.66
Portfolio	87.34	93.30	+0.02	0.97
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.09	36.46	-0.12	0.57
Managed Assets	128.07	136.98	+0.02	2.60
UK Income	39.68	42.44	-0.05	2.89
UK Growth	39.12	41.85	+0.15	2.19
Worldwide Growth	35.47	37.94	-0.06	0.42
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6000				
Master Portfolio	50.37	53.87	+0.77	0.10
Cap Protector Inc	42.79	45.77	-0.35	2.57
UK Income Inc	52.92	56.60	-0.18	2.76
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.47	34.73	-0.35	3.39
Mngd High Yld Inc	81.25	86.90	-0.49	3.87
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	77.14	82.50	-0.57	2.57
Mngd Wwide Gth	38.230	40.89	+0.63	...
UK Smaller Cos	36.00	38.50	+0.13	1.39
Pacific Grth Port	45.92	49.11	-0.73	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	531.20	562.10	-2.60	2.25
Fixed Int Dist	118.90	123.20	-0.40	7.73
UK Indx Trck Dist	128.50	136.40	-0.30	2.90
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	209.29	222.66	+3.10	...
Brit Growth	95.45	101.54	+1.63	1.87
European	116.19	123.61	-2.43	0.10
Extra Income	202.44	215.36	-1.27	3.94
Smaller Cos	77.98	82.96	+0.30	1.08
General	289.82	308.32	+3.63	2.15
Premier Income	51.89	54.05	-0.07	5.82
Income	354.58	377.22	-1.69	3.30
Pacific	450.96	479.74	+12.48	...
International	568.46	604.79	+7.59	0.20
Nat Resources	175.80	187.03	+8.53	0.09
Sheld Opps	113.37	120.61	+0.40	1.00
Environmental Inv	64.13	68.22	+0.43	1.34
Selector	65.96	70.17	+0.03	2.10
High Income	65.53	69.72	-0.33	4.94
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 1055				
British	331.90	351.40	-3.10	2.54
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	200.12	214.04	+2.16	1.71
Glob Balncd Inc	169.47	181.25	+1.46	2.97
Value Tst Inc	122.26	130.76	+0.97	1.49
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	63.25	67.48	-0.65	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.55	43.68	+0.04	5.90
Japan Tst	94.51	100.81	+1.34	...
Little Dragons	98.17	104.71	-1.08	...
Oriental Income	48.93	52.19	-0.16	4.70
Tiger	277.39	295.88	-2.87	...
UK Blue Chip	62.73	66.99	-0.60	3.00
UK Smllr Cos	107.07	114.51	+0.77	1.00
Formerly Allma				
Nth Amer Gwth	218.90	233.49	-1.55	0.70
European Growth	286.09	303.20	+4.14	0.80
Exempt	528.94	552.02	-4.50	3.50
UK High Yield	106.67	114.08	+0.52	3.40
Iberian Growth	48.65	51.89	+0.80	...
Intl Growth	107.71	114.82	+1.57	0.60
Preference	124.36	133.01	+0.54	8.20
UK Recovery	276.01	295.20	+2.00	1.80
UK Smlr Cos Div	105.91	113.26	+2.00	4.30
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.13	32.05	-0.80	...
Pacific Basin	40.90	43.51	+0.54	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	31.96	34.0	-0.37	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.895	0.93	+0.00	6.05
Penny Share	29.90	31.90	+0.42	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0482				
Challenger	94.13	96.31	-1.72	...
Short Dtd Gilt	109.00	110.40	-0.60	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73	+0.00	2.27
Gilt Income	50.71	52.77	-0.53	7.00
Gilt Growth	69.67	72.51	-0.77	...
City Reserve	52.37	52.37	+0.04	4.30
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	79.80	84.85	+0.51	1.73

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	432	Abbey Ntl	436 †	-6	...	4.0	14.7
314	247	Allied Irish	248 †	...	...	5.1	9.5
278½	220½	Aus New Z	221½	-3½	...	4.1	17.4
3281½	2637½	Bankamerica	2862½	+18½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	270	...	...	4.6	19.9
247	180	Bank Scotland	184½	-½	4.6	3.3	25.1
640	487	Barclays	511 †	+1	...	3.7	21.2
37	13½	Carlisle	31	-½	...	...	...
655	533	Cater Allen	561	+6	28.0	6.2	...
180	138	Cattles	151 †	...	...	4.1	15.5
2356½	1543½	Chase Manh	2159½	-53½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2432½	-50	...	...	...
285½	217	Close Bros	253	...	...	3.2	13.7
£150½	£130½	Commerzbk	£142½	-37½	...	2.7	...
£344¼	£297½	Deutsche Bk	£311½	+228½	...	1.9	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	74	+2	...	2.5	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1459½	-9½	...	0.4	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	468	+20	22.0	6.1	...
1113	703	HSBC	706 †	-22	23.5	4.2	∞
1133	724	HSBC HK	726 †	-18	23.5	4.0	∞
473	340	Hambros	357	-1	14.3	5.0	16.5
443	408	Joseph (L)	415	...	16.2	5.0	...
170	132	King Shaxson	146	+6	9.0	7.7	...
693	438	Kleinwort Ben	478 †	-3	...	4.8	8.5
660	532	Lloyds	585 †	+3	...	4.7	12.3
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	108	...	3.4	3.9	18.3
630½	537½	Nat Aust Bk	559	-1½	...	4.2	13.6
622	438	Nat West	452 †	-3	...	5.1	10.3
573	450	Provident	484 †	-4	...	4.1	15.4
75	59	Rea Bros	75 †	...	...	1.3	19.3
528	382½	Ryl Bk Scot	402	...	...	3.4	18.2
1460	1050	Schroders	1283 †	-9	...	1.6	∞
1407	983	Stand Chart	995 †	-2	16.5	3.0	10.9
291	209½	TSB	212½	+1	...	4.5	14.5
199	148	Union	148 ↓	+3	...	2.5	∞
1012	679	Warburg SG	731	+14	...	3.4	10.7
£101½	8612½	Wells Fargo	9462½	-53½	...	2.9	...
260	207	Westpac	223	-2	...	2.4	∞
390	310	Wintrust	348	...	...	3.4	31.1

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	587	+1	...	4.7	16.3
619	507	Bass	571	+8	...	4.3	15.2
298	257	Boddington	281	+2	...	3.6	15.7
459	389	Bulmer (HP)	394	...	...	3.3	15.8
193	168	Burtonwd Brw	177	...	4.7	3.4	14.8
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	145	...	...	3.1	20.1
66	56	Fosters Brewing	59½	-½	...	5.0	68.5
493	423	Fullr Sm 'A'	436	...	7.5	2.2	18.3
506	427½	Grand Met	476	+7	...	3.4	20.7
511	429	Greenalls Grp	467	+1	...	3.3	15.8
584	476	Greene King	482	+1	...	3.2	13.5
542	460	Guinness	480 †	+3	...	3.3	15.5
261	239	Hardy Hansn	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
160	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.0	13.6
457	363	Highland Distl	410 †	-3	...	2.1	19.4
3225	3125	Holt J	3175	+7	48.0	1.9	∞
161	127	Macallan-Glen	144 †	...	...	1.0	39.8
455	365	Marstn Marm 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
248	195	Mansfield	195	...	...	2.6	14.0
302	262	Mrstn Thmp	269	+1½	...	2.6	15.0
595	548	Matthew Clark	555	...	...	4.1	31.8
250	125	Mrydwn W	138	-5	7.0	6.3	12.3
545	463	Morland	495	...	...	2.5	17.0
11	9½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.0	17.1
267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1390½	+18½	...	2.0	23.0
591	510	Scot & New	520	-4	...	4.1	15.9
190	142	Taunton Cider	152½	+2½	6.2	5.1	11.9
306	266	Vaux Group	292	...	...	4.1	18.8
403½	334½	Wetherspoon JD	370 ↓	...	...	2.0	24.4
617	511½	Whitbread	549½	-1½	...	4.1	13.0
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	554	...	...	2.8	15.6
530	483	Young 'A'	530	+1	14.7	3.5	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	155	Abbey	170	...	...	1.5	27.9
22	18	Albrighton	20	...	...	0.6	...
200	148	Allen	181	...	...	3.5	41.0
164	118	Amec	130 †	-2	...	2.9	15.7
454	333	Ashtead	396	...	...	1.5	26.4
165	109	Allwoods	121	...	...	5.2	...
363	309	BPB Ind	330	...	...	2.9	39.5
127	93	Baggeridge Brk	126	...	...	3.1	37.9
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	...	2.4	∞
88	64	Barcom	64	...	...	5.9	7.7
60	40½	Bardon	47 †	+½	2.0	5.3	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	226 †	-8	...	2.8	24.3
169	158	Beazer Homes	162	-2	...	3.9	14.2
304	230	Bellway	233	-1	...	3.2	21.9
59	46	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	236	-1	...	...	...
573	465	Berkeley Gp	465	-2	...	1.7	25.1
215	118	Bett Bros	215	+5	...	1.6	27.6
93	60	Blockleys	69 †	...	1.0	1.8	∞
391	300	Blue Circle	301 †	-6	...	4.7	26.7
355	277	Boot (Henry)	328 †	...	6.5	2.5	∞
117	89	Breedon PLC	94 †	...	4.6	6.1	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	145 †	...	5.6	4.8	∞
98	78	Brit Fittings	86 †	...	2.0	2.6	∞
197½	149	Bryant	155	-1½	...	3.9	23.6
145½	111½	CALA	130 ↓	...	...	2.5	...
409	348	CRH	386 †	...	...	2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
42	27½	Costain	33	...	...	...	9.8
185	152	Countryside	155	...	...	3.3	34.4
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	114	+2	...	1.1	...
140	103	Cussins	121	...	3.0	3.2	∞
28½	19	Edmond Hldgs	28½	...	0.3	1.3	∞
340	273	Epwin	330	+3	...	2.8	22.0
82	57	Erith	75 †	...	1.0	1.7	∞
473	435	Eve Group	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
60	41	Galliford	49	...	...	2.6	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	104	...	2.5	3.0	∞
1028	913	Gleeson (MJ)	970 †	...	...	1.6	16.9
218	195	Graham Grp	209	...	...	2.8	20.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	162½	-½	2.9	2.2	∞
58	46	Hewetson	58	+3	...	2.7	42.8
473	383	Heywd Wim	403 †	-1	...	4.0	26.9
145	122	Higgs & Hill	138 †	...	...	2.3	...
41	27	How Gp	38	-3	...	2.5	∞
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	80	Ibstock Johnsen	81 †	...	1.0	1.5	∞
25	16	Jarvis	21½	-½	...	...	...
428	305	Laing (J)	360 †	-½	...	3.1	25.6
164	122	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	137 †	...	...	3.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside	135	...	...	4.4	26.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	123	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	369 †	...	...	3.4	19.4
319½	154	Marley	173 †	+1	...	3.0	28.3
155	128	Marshalls	137	...	...	3.6	...
253	196	Maunders (J)	243 †	...	...	2.7	23.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	279 †	...	...	2.9	36.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	62½	...	...	1.0	...
569	476	Meyer Intl	484	-1	...	2.6	48.5
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	106 †	...	...	4.6	...
252	150	NSM	...	...	...	...	...
48	36	Needler	36	...	...	...	...
196	164	Newman Tnks	170 †	+1	...	4.4	22.8
379½	283	Persimmon	288½	-½	...	3.9	25.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1509½	...	29.0	2.4	21.4
198	169	Prowting	169	...	3.4	2.5	...
1079	916	RMC Gp	953 †	-14	...	2.8	28.2
116	84½	Raine Ind	86	-½	...	2.9	18.7
40	23	Ransom	30	...	...	...	...
640	524	Redland	545 †	-7	...	5.7	32.9
92	70	Rustel	92 †	...	4.3	5.8	...
371	288	Rugby Group	295 †	-5	...	2.9	19.9
59	53	Secure Retire	59	+4	...	...	...
64	50	Svrfld-Rvs	60 †	...	0.5	1.0	∞
189	155½	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	...	...	3.3	∞
280	249	Sheffield Ind	259 †	...	...	2.6	20.8
270	233	Sheriff Hldgs	269	...	...	1.7	25.6
140	94	Shorco	140 †	...	3.2	4.6	∞
245	218	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.0	16.4
5	2	Stenoin	4½	+½	...	...	...
206	167	Tarmac	167	-5	...	4.2	∞
257	192	Tay Homes	213 †	...	...	3.5	22.9
183	138	Taylor Woodrw	147 †	-8	1.5	1.3	∞
760	620	Tilbury Dougls	701	...	33.0	6.1	∞
60	36	Torex Hire	50	...	...	1.5	...
370	300	Travis Perkins	315 †	-5	...	3.2	25.3
29½	16	Trencherwood	24½	...	...	...	...
40½	25½	Try Group	27 †	...	...	2.3	∞
28	21	Tudor	25 †	...	...	1.8	...
113	90	Vibroplant	97	...	2.5	3.2	34.9
74	52	Ward Hldgs	71	+1	...	...	...
45	33	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
225½	186	Westbury	187	+1	5.0	3.3	29.2
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	464	Wilson Bowdn	466 †	-1	...	2.5	17.6
259	185	Wilson (C)	209	-5	4.1	2.5	∞
249	180	Wimpey G	188 †	-4	...	3.5	28.1
30	20	YRM	27	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	625	-8	...	...	...
440	253	Adam & Harvey	440	+2	13.0	3.7	8.1
83	63	Air London	68	...	...	6.6	14.5
62	44	African Lakes	53 †	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	109	...	...	7.0	∞
162	120	BET Ord	124	+1	...	2.3	5.0
177	115	BNB Res	175 †	...	4.9	3.5	∞
255	188	BPP	193 †	+3	...	5.7	14.1
186	152	BSM	165	...	...	4.4	14.0
235	205	Barbour Index	213	...	8.1	4.8	14.5
1½	1	Black & Edge	1½	...	...	...	...
23	17	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
226	169	Brit Data Mgt	175	...	4.9	3.5	12.8
31	22	Broadcastic	28 †	...	...	4.5	13.4
76	58	Brooks Service	67 †	...	1.5	2.8	∞
121	98	CRT Gp	109 †	...	...	3.3	19.7
238	205	Caplin Group	226 †	-3	2.5	1.4	∞
59	47½	Caskey Plc	56	+½	...	2.0	21.5
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	23	...	...	...	...
85	63	Christie	65	...	...	...	...
423	361	Chubb Sec	394	+4	...	1.7	24.5
132	104	Comac	113	...	...	1.7	29.1
61	41	Corp Services	60 †	...	0.2	0.5	∞
97	81	Coutts Cnslig	92½	...	...	...	...
170	142	Dart	159	-1	3.3	2.6	21.6
276	235	Davis Service	239 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
154	119	EW Facs	133 †	...	...	4.5	10.0
34	25	Gardiner	25½	-½	...	3.6	11.3
334	282	Hays	311 †	...	...	2.2	24.0
289	245	Hogg Robinsn	261	...	...	3.2	19.0
30	26	Holmes Protectn	26	...	...	...	1.6
365½	255½	Hunch Whamp	268	-11	...	1.8	22.3
596½	2046½	ISS B DKr	2353½	+6½	...	0.9	13.1
509	503	Incheape	551 †	-2	...	3.4	18.9
135	864	Johnson Clean	974 †	...	27.0	3.5	∞
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
75	283	Mitie Gp	366	+1	4.0	1.4	25.3
00	1156½	Manpower	1253½	-6½	20.0	1.1	...
78½	65	Michael Page	77 †	-½	...	3.4	∞
15	108	Pezman	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
19½	60½	Proudfoot	76 †	...	...	5.8	...
15	355	RCO	395	...	15.2	4.8	13.3
0	97	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
19	104	Reed Executive	139	+2	1.0	0.9	∞
1	105	Reliance Sec	115	...	4.5	4.9	30.2
9	226	Rentokil	239 †	-1	2.8	1.5	∞
6	295	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
2	254	Salvesen (C)	257	-1	...	3.8	17.1
5	43	Scott Pickford	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
7½	9	Select Appo	15½	...	...	...	...
	253½	Serco Gp	284	+1	...	1.5	∞
	75	Sherwd Cmp	116	...	...	1.0	...
	100	Sketchley	121	...	...	3.1	27.7
	325	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
	24	Welpac	25	-1	...	...	...
½	25½	Wills Gp	26½	...	...	2.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	231	Allied Colloids	286	+4	...	1.9	26.3
	988	Amersham	1014	...	...	1.7	29.2
	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
	£106½	BASF DM	£131½	-62½	...	3.4	...
	304	BTP	339	-5	...	3.6	27.2
	£129½	Bayer DM50	£150½	+134½	...	2.4	...
	105	Blagden	133	...	1.5	1.4	14.3
	98	Brent Chems	122 †	...	...	4.1	...
	311½	Br Bio-Tech	418 †	+7	...	...	...
	5½	Caird Gp	9½	...	...	...	23.6
	153	Canning (W)	184 †	...	7.2	5.0	∞
	470	Courtaulds	576	+7	...	3.1	14.4
	327½	Croda	381 †	-1	...	2.8	19.4
	109	Doeflex	128 †	...	4.6	4.5	∞
	227	Ellis & Everard	270	...	...	3.4	22.6
	35½	Euro Colour	46½	...	0.8	2.4	22.3
	337	Halstead (J)	343 †	...	...	2.5	16.0
	174	Hickson	215 †	-1	...	4.7	20.7
	108½	Hoechst	£144½	+202½	...	2.5	...
	155½	Holliday Chem	223 ↓	...	...	2.2	∞
	728	ICI	822	-9	...	4.2	66.4
	722	Laporte	814 †	+1	...	3.2	22.1
	190	Leigh	210	+3	...	4.7	18.5
	48	MTM	74	...	...	...	...
	212½	Norsk Hydro	2209½	-50	...	1.5	∞
	161	Paterson Zoch	511 †	-3	...	3.1	13.5
	16	-do- 'A'	486 †	...	...	3.3	12.8
	14	Plysu	214	-2	...	4.1	18.2
349	265	Porvair	348	...	...	1.5	26.1
66	54	Sutcliffe Speak	63	-2	...	...	...
490	417	Wardle Storeys	417 †	...	...	5.2	21.8
695	570	Wolstenholme R	653 †	...	...	3.4	16.3
483	390	Yorks Chem	445	+5	...	2.3	21.1
336	258	Yule Catto	335 †	-1	6.2	2.3	∞
869	681	Zeneca	689 †	+2	...	5.0	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	62	Alexon	43	...	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	225	+1	...	3.4	16.8
410	339	Argos Plc	365 †	...	...	2.7	19.6
11½	6	Ashley Group	7½	+½	...	3.2	...
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	...	0.1	...
357	305	Asprey	321	...	5.2	2.0	20.7
201	176	Austin Reed	201 †	-3	...	3.4	∞
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	154	...	...	5.0	15.5
150	110	Bentalls	132	...	2.0	1.9	∞
165	121	Betterware	130	+7	...	2.1	15.6
44	36	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	214	Body Shop	215	...	...	1.0	27.7
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	5½	-½	...	...	...
491	420	Brown (N)	498	+3	...	1.9	27.5
74½	51	Burton	59½	...	...	4.6	...
245	190	Canons	191	...	...	2.6	36.6
520	390	Church	393 †	-2	...	4.1	22.5
171	148	Clinton Cards	158 †	...	...	3.7	13.6
287	225½	Coats Viyella	239 †	-2	...	4.2	20.9
120	68	Colourvision	68	...	5.6	14.6	8.6
170	157	Cty Casuals	168	...	...	3.3	∞
903	843	Courts Furnish	844	...	5.6	0.8	10.6
210	155	Crown Eyes	175	...	7.5	5.4	12.0
137	92½	Dairy Farm Intl	95½	-5½	...	4.1	∞
122	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	118 †	...	1.4	1.5	∞
287	193	Dixons Grp	207	-3	...	3.8	...
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9½ †	...	...	...	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	217	Essex Furn	251	...	...	1.9	40.2
266	227	Etam	246	+1	7.5	3.9	∞
558	497	Fine Art Dev	498	...	13.0	3.3	16.2
50	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
715	680	Forminster	730	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
155	124	French Conn	154	...	...	...	...
73	66	Gem SR	66 †	...	...	4.3	20.5
114	85	Goldsmiths Gp	111	...	...	1.2	19.7
653	558	GUS	601	...	...	2.4	18.6
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	...
82	48	Hartstone	48	-3	...	...	...
130	88	Heritage	88	...	...	...	...
91	66	Honeysuckle	73 †	...	...	4.3	10.7
211	173	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
778	544	Kingfisher	577	+3	...	3.3	∞
88	74	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	...	6.8	15.6
575	525	Liberty	575 †	...	...	1.6	71.7
380	325	Lloyds Chem	331 †	-3	...	3.0	11.0
194	159	MFI	159	-½	...	3.0	72.3
460½	403½	Marks Spencer	438½	-2½	...	2.4	22.4
680	569	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
333	238	Moss Bros	333	...	7.0	2.7	∞
251	214	Next	228	-1	...	3.1	12.7
70	39	Oliver (G)	68	...	...	...	73.2
335	255	Ortiliams Intl	274	...	...	4.5	13.4
37	22½	Pentos	27 †	...	...	...	...
268	225	QS Hldgs	225	...	...	2.9	26.1
62	33	Rhino Grp	33½	...	0.5	1.9	∞
209	176	Rosebys	188 †	-1	4.6	3.1	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	140 †	...	...	2.6	∞
132	113	Sears	121	-½	...	3.9	20.1
42	23½	Signet Group	42	...	...	...	...
549	484	Smith WH 'A'	498	-2	...	3.7	16.1
122	115	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	11	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	212	Storehouse	214½	+½	...	2.9	21.2
198	146	T & S Stores	181 †	...	...	4.2	13.5
173	135	Tie Rack	139	+1	1.7	1.6	∞
265	232	Time Products	232	...	7.7	4.2	20.0
132	111	Ulster (Frank)	116	...	6.0	6.5	12.6
465	384	Vendome	438	+2	...	1.8	20.4
44	34	Vivat	41 †	...	1.2	3.8	∞
70	42	WEW Group	43	...	...	1.8	31.4
51	42	Wensum	51	...	2.0	5.0	∞
120	102	Wickes	109	...	...	1.2	26.0
89	54	Wid of Leather	84	...	...	...	...
195	175	Wyevale	180	...	4.4	3.1	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	137	ACT Group	174	...	...	3.6	17.5
280	248	Acal	280 †	+2	...	3.0	21.2
580	478	Admiral	560 †	...	...	1.4	20.6
190	163	Alba	178	+3	...	3.4	20.2
42	34	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
50	31½	Amstrad	31	...	...	2.0	...
105	73	App Holo	93	...	...	...	...
39	27	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
94½	80	Astec	87½	...	...	1.1	21.7
279	242½	Azlan	279	+2	...	1.3	33.2
283	239	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
4½	2	Bennett & Fount	2	...	...	...	...
478	393	BICC	452 †	-1	...	5.3	33.1
535	470	Blick	502	...	...	2.5	18.5
1100	750	Borland	837½	...	...	...	...
380	325	Bowthorpe	349 †	+15	...	2.5	19.5
486	367½	BT	368½	-8	...	5.5	17.8
367	284½	BT P/P	251	-7	...	5.4	17.5
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	+2½	0.1	0.7	...
79	58	Burnfield	75 †	...	...	4.2	58.3
543	434	Cable Wireless	450	-3	...	2.1	23.5
35½	24	Chloride	34½	...	...	...	...
276	258	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
182	105	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
202	159½	Cray Elect	186	...	...	1.2	18.1
447	413	Critchley	432	...	...	1.5	23.8
567	482	Delta	567 †	+4	...	3.2	25.2
643	446	Denmans Ele	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
538	400	Domino	473	...	...	2.1	20.3
78	71	Dowding Mills	77 †	-1	...	4.1	25.8
1635	1220	Dracks	1445	...	10.3	0.9	20.0
589	506	Electrocomps	512	-2	...	2.1	28.8
199½	178	El Data Prc	179	...	...	1.3	15.3
175	133	Electron House	145	...	...	2.4	20.8
35	21	Emess	30½ †	...	0.1	0.4	∞
434	359½	Eurotherm	424	+10	...	1.4	28.8
212	183	FKI	199	+1	...	2.1	20.1
656	546	Farnell Elect	575	-1	...	1.6	23.4
75	63	Feedback	64½	+½	...	3.0	8.7
336	296	First Tech	305	...	...	0.8	25.4
283	215	Forward Gp	283	+38	4.0	1.8	20.0
40½	14½	Forward Tech	40½	+4½	...	0.8	...
357½	288	GEC	303½	-½	10.4	4.3	15.2
191	158	Graseby	158 †	-2	...	5.2	14.7
14½	11	Graystone	13½ †	...	...	0.9	...
48	39	Hitchens	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
193	149	Ind Control	155 †	+1	...	3.7	13.8
388	333	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
141	99	Kalamazoo	118	...	2.7	2.9	27.4
14	9½	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
396	349	Kenwood App	363	...	...	2.7	20.4
254	221	Kewill Sys	240	...	...	...	...
165	115	Kode	115 †	...	...	6.5	16.5
35	19	Laser-Scan	27	...	...	...	...
118	95	LEMS	99	...	0.7	0.9	14.0
300	255	Lec Refrig	278 †	-2	...	4.0	...
171	126	Life Sciences	130 †	-1	...	3.6	13.7
314	270	Logica	303 †	+5	...	1.7	34.9
52	47	LPA Ind	51	...	...	6.0	...
216	189	MR Data Mngmt	214	...	...	3.2	23.8
743	638	Macro 4	640 †	...	...	3.8	19.2
281	210	Memvier-Sw	224	...	...	2.2	19.5
1138	795	Micro Focus	818	...	...	...	7.8
178	145	Microgen	148	...	...	6.1	14.9
38½	31	Microvitec	33½	-½	...	...	...
548½	478	Misys	493 †	+2	...	1.9	18.3
494	234	Mitel	239	-1	...	...	...
178	143	MMT Comp	173	...	...	2.9	23.6
37	22½	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
310	250	MTL Inst	310 †	...	...	1.7	20.0
141	141	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
149	128	Murray Ent	134	-1	...	1.9	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2390½	-46½	...	...	...
128	84	Neotronics	97	...	...	3.4	16.9
55	53	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
371	279	Norbain	345	...	...	0.5	26.6
70	47	Northamber	70	+1	0.6	1.1	...
9½	7	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	280	Oxford Inst	297	...	4.6	2.0	20.0
87	62	P & P	69½	-½	...	3.7	16.7
98	77½	Peek	82 †	...	...	5.2	14.0
235	184	Pegasus	197	...	...	3.2	21.4
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2021½	1400	-do- Lmp Dv	1918½	-34½	...	0.9	9.0
440	330	Phonelink	410	...	...	...	...
340	299	Pifco	334 †	...	...	1.6	28.0
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	...	...	1.7	27.2
90	70	Plasmec	88	...	3.0	4.4	∞
121	100	Pressac	116 †	...	...	2.8	23.7
281	181	Psion	280 †	...	...	1.2	30.6
240	187	Racal Elect	239	...	4.2	2.2	14.2
50	33	Radamec	38	+2	...	4.9	8.1
39	27	Radius	29	...	0.4	1.9	∞
118	73	Real Time	107	...	...	3.5	22.0
600	507	Sage Gp	598	-1	...	2.2	16.0
350	310	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.9	3.8	13.8
99	72	Scantronic	73	...	3.1	5.4	20.0
212	162	Scholes Grp	200 †	...	...	3.2	20.8
410	330	Sema Gp	410	...	...	0.9	24.6
270	250	Servomex	260 †	...	...	3.1	29.1
49	41	Silverlines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	63	Soundtracks	75	-1	...	4.0	18.8
3118½	2269½	TDK	2980	-31½	...	1.1	33.6
19	11	TDS Circuits	11	...	...	...	...
170	100	Telemetrix	102 †	-1	...	1.2	12.0
282	191	Telspec	263	...	...	1.2	33.0
1165	979	THORN EMI	1132	-2	...	3.5	26.2
196	133	Thorpe FW	190 †	+2	...	1.9	17.0
43	24	Total Systems	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
308	280	Tunstall	289	...	...	1.5	20.7
324	256	Unitech	324	...	...	2.4	55.1
16	12	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
31	22	Vistec	27½	-½	0.3	1.7	16.1
637	496	Vodafone	544	+5	...	1.8	23.7
483	444	Volex	454	...	18.1	5.0	18.6
31	20	Western Selectn	29	...	0.2	1.1	...
335	265	Wholesale Ftgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	542	East Midlands	556	-9	...	4.6	9.9
725½	570	Eastern Elect	578	-15	...	4.4	11.0
477	334	Hydro-Elect	343	+1	...	4.3	12.0
733½	564	London Elect	564	-15	...	4.7	10.6
850	662	Manweb	664	-13	...	4.1	8.3
767	560	Midlands Elec	586	-19	...	4.7	9.0
505	426	National Powr	428	-4	...	3.2	10.6
801	614	Northern Elec	622	-14	...	4.5	8.1
301	209	Nthn Ireland	225	...	...	3.6	11.6
806	626	Norweb	634	-6	20.8	4.1	9.1
582	477	PowerGen	481½	-2½	...	2.9	12.6
486	355	Scottish Power	356	-3	...	4.1	13.2
436	300	Seeboard	309	-2	...	4.2	9.7
805	623	Sth Wales	637	-9	...	4.6	9.8
743	567	Sth Western	586	-9	...	4.5	8.6
729½	569	Southern Elec	570½	-11½	...	4.5	7.6
729½	556	Yorkshire Elec	561	-12	...	4.8	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	115	BWD	115	-1	4.0	4.3	18.0
118	96	Baltic Plc	107 †	...	...	1.8	11.9
215	175	Bristol Inv	185	+4	...	...	...
757	625	Caledonia	678	...	...	2.8	25.2
2900	1900	Camellia	2450	...	...	1.5	9.2
363	318	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.2	...
465	367	Govett	380	...	...	5.0	7.8
250	185	Ivory Sime	217½	...	...	4.0	18.8
428	245	Johnson Fry	268	+5	...	...	...
245	174	Lon Forfaiting	175	...	...	6.8	10.9
87	77	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	23½	...	...	...	0.5
58	53	Newmarket	57	+1	...	...	...
365	279	Rathbone Brs	279 †	...	...	3.4	14.6
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
400	310	S & U	379	...	11.5	3.9	∞
114	85	Singer & Fried	90 †	...	...	4.2	11.6
1260	1063	Sothebys	1155	+25	...	1.4	...
188	131	SJP Capital	149	...	3.0	2.5	61.5
224	203	Towry Law	210	...	...	2.7	20.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2300	1850½	Amer Express	1956½	-18½	...	...	...
229	184	Gartmore	190	-1	...	2.6	22.0
1208	920	Henderson Ad	920	-3	...	5.7	21.2
251½	160½	Invesco	163 †	-9½	...	2.7	17.4
317	234½	Jardine Strat	245½	-5½	...	3.5	∞
323	260	MAI	275 †	...	...	3.1	15.0
770	588	MAM	588	...	16.0	3.4	14.7
1243	908	M & G	908	...	...	3.4	19.0
496	343	Smith New Ct	363	+3	...	2.4	3.6
65	34	Trio Hldgs	35	...	...	8.9	11.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	AB Food	596½	-½	...	3.2	11.5
66	54	ASDA Group	55½	...	1.6	3.7	...
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	321	-1	...	3.1	11.8
74	54	Albert Fisher	58 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
306½	222½	Argyll	230	-3½	...	6.2	8.3
220	220	Banks (S C)	280	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
358	305	Barr (AG)	327	+2	...	2.5	21.1
72	56	Bensons Crsp	69 †	...	...	5.2	22.9
481	402	Booker	407 †	-1	...	6.7	∞
56½	48	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
505	459	Brake Bros	459	...	6.8	1.9	∞
43	22	Budgen	27	...	...	6.0	8.2
545	462	Cadbury-Schw	479 †	-5	...	3.8	16.2
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
167	135	Cranswick	136	...	...	7.4	12.9
17	13	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
154	90	Dalepak	109	...	...	5.7	31.8
543	440	Dalgety	458 †	...	...	5.6	13.4
87	50	Daniels S	77 †	...	...	0.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	259 †	...	...	2.7	∞
101	60	Everest	75 †	...	...	6.2	14.3
393	358	Farepak	393	...	5.9	1.9	24.2
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	70	Finlay (James)	82	-1	...	6.3	27.2
105	94	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	227	Geest	230	+3	8.1	4.5	∞
20½	14	Global	18 †	...	0.5	3.5	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47	...	0.6	2.1	...
194	137	Hazlewood Fds	151	-1	...	5.4	8.5
196½	159	Hillsdown	169 †	...	...	6.5	13.5
211	147	Iceland Group	155 †	-1	...	3.1	9.9
111	100	JLI Group	107	...	...	5.5	11.8
656	552	Kwik Save	552	-4	...	4.1	9.9
193	138	Low (Wm)	163 †	...	...	6.4	5.7
113	85	Matthews (B)	97 †	...	...	3.2	15.5
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11	...	0.9	10.8	22.5
128	99	Morrison (W)	120 †	-2	...	1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228 †	...	...	3.2	15.2
271½	206½	Ntkn Foods	223	...	...	4.8	10.9
13	9	Nrthmbrn Fr	11	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	222	...	...	3.7	12.3
124	89½	Park Foods	120	...	...	2.3	27.8
81	64	Perkins Food	72 †	...	...	7.7	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	124	-3	...	0.5	26.2
9½	2½	Regina Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	373	-1	...	3.5	13.1
96	73	Sentry Farm	85 †	...	2.2	3.3	∞
122	79	Sims Food	81	...	...	10.0	15.6
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	446	-3	...	3.6	11.9
254	200½	Tesco	211 †	-1½	...	4.6	9.6
198	162	Thorntons	179 †	...	...	2.7	...
229	145	Treats	214	...	...	2.3	17.4
434½	346	Unigate	391	-3	...	5.2	22.8
388	324	Utd Biscuits	361 †	+2	...	5.3	15.3
21	18	Usborne	19½ #	...	...	3.4	14.4
422	279	Watson & Phil	370	...	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	41	...	...	8.2	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk Hs	34	...	...	...	...
94	79	City Centre Rest	86 †	...	1.7	2.6	∞
285	232	Forte	236½	-2½	...	4.0	39.0
207	174	Friendly Hotels	185	...	5.7	3.9	∞
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	147½	...	...	4.3	12.0
217½	162½	Ladbroke	186 †	+3	...	4.0	27.4
109½	83	Mandarin Orntl	84½	-2½	...	4.0	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	26½	...	...	4.8	∞
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1120 †	...	...	0.4	...
92	60½	Stakis	90 ↓	+½	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	47	+1	...	23.4	2.9
544	439	AAH	453	+2	...	4.8	15.1
185	140	AIM	174	...	...	5.4	21.3
138	116½	APV	131 †	-1	...	5.2	...
199	157	ASW	199 †	+1	...	3.8	...
202	172	Adwest	195½	+1½	...	4.7	21.0
20½	16	Aerospace Eng	16	...	...	5.9	77.9
312	255	Airsprung	255	...	...	2.3	16.3
225	192	Alcedra W	225 †	...	5.6	3.1	∞
12	6½	Allied Radio	6½ #	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	313	+1	...	2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	69	...	...	1.8	12.4
745	705	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
81	73	Amagen	76	...	...	...	...
95	68	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
1785	998	Antofagasta	1410 †	+87	...	1.5	∞
62	48	Armour	53 †	...	...	3.0	12.3
175	168	Ash & Lacy	175 †	...	...	6.6	21.2
12	7½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
625	474	Avon Rubber	604	+3	...	3.4	21.3
300	265	Assoc Nursing	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
583	490	Atlas Equip	533 †	...	22.0	5.2	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	93 †	+3	1.5	2.0	∞
236	192	BBA	210 †	-7	...	4.5	...
145	115	BLP Group	145 †	...	1.0	0.9	∞
44	34½	BM Gp	40½	...	...	...	...
745	627	BOC	704	+10	...	4.1	27.7
86½	62	BSG	80½	...	3.2	5.0	∞
578	531	BSS Group	540	...	...	4.0	30.1
400	344	BTR	390½	+½	...	3.9	20.6
176	148	BWI	159 †	...	...	5.3	20.1
45½	29½	Babcock	38	+½	...	4.1	22.7
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	228	Baird (Wm)	243	...	8.9	4.7	∞
512½	368½	Barlow	512½	+37½	...	6.4	9.3
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	79 †	...	...	2.6	21.6
25½	19½	Bearing Power	24	...	...	3.9	15.2
93	23	Beaufort	29	+1	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	13	Benson Group	14	+½	...	2.7	10.6
393	300	Bespak	318	+3	10.2	4.0	10.0
91	66	Bibby (J)	75	...	...	3.4	...
226	200	Billam (J)	212 †	...	...	3.1	13.2
32	26	Bilston Batters	27	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bipsec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	266	...	...	...	...
44	30	Black Arrow	38	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
283	248	Black (Peter)	248 †	...	2.1	6.9	11.9
863	543	Bluebird Toys	740 †	+12	3.8	2.0	19.4
329	262	Bodycote	299	+2	...	2.7	7.8
40	33	Bogod 'A'	36	...	5.2	2.2	∞
601	504	Boots	547½	-3½	0.7	2.4	13.4
60	43	Booth Inds	44	...	...	3.1	21.6
524	430	Bowater	480 †	+8	...	...	...
1643½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1394½	+9½	...	3.4	17.4
297	257	Boxmore Intl	272 ↓	+1	...	...	...
20	15	Brasway	17½	...	...	1.8	17.4
334	288	Brammer	334 †	+1	13.0	3.6	...
31	22	Bridgend Gp	23½	+½	0.4	4.9	∞
163	120	Bridon	160	...	...	...	...
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	80 †	...	...	3.2	...
57½	45½	Brierley Inv	50	-½	...	3.5	...
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220 †	...	...	6.8	12.3
124	94	Br Bloodstock	94	...	...	4.5	18.6
515	436	Br Polythene	453 †	+2	...	3.2	15.9
156½	121½	Br Steel	153	+1½	...	1.2	...
176	120	Br Thornton	129	...	...	4.8	13.4
309	244	Br Vita	307 †	-2	...	3.0	25.8
182½	137½	Britton Grp	165 †	...	...	0.1	...
931½	779½	Broken Hill	799	-6½	...	2.3	36.2
125	90	Bromsgrove Ind	112½	+2½	...	4.9	14.6
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	58	...	...	...	...
186	154	Bullough	169	...	...	4.5	73.9
16	11½	Business Tech	12	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	19	+2	0.3	3.3	...
54	35	Campbell & Arm	37½	-1½	...	...	...
39	29½	Cannon St	31	-2	...	...	11.9
488	408	Cantab Pharms	460	-2	...	...	...
274	254	Cape	274	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	343	Caradon	353 †	-11	...	3.1	26.5
215½	170	-do- pf	171½	-4	7.2	5.3	...
293	252	Cardio Eng	257	...	...	4.2	19.1
10	6½	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2440½	1940½	Carnaud Md	2056½	+28½	...	2.3	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
251	220	Castings	248	...	4.6	2.3	17.5
66	42	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
233	213	Celtech	216	-1	...	...	...
200	170	Chamberlin Hill	200	...	6.5	4.1	12.5
812	716	Charter	742	...	...	3.7	11.4
360	305	Chemring	320	...	...	3.5	10.6
60	46	Cidelmin Gp	50 †	...	...	8.8	10.0
52	38	Chillington	47	...	1.0	2.7	...
246	196	Christies Int	203 †	...	...	1.2	∞
80	60	Claybithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
150	55	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
458	403	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	242	Community H	274½	...	...	3.3	15.6
283	211	Concentric	238	...	...	3.1	19.7
310	224	Cook (Wm)	285	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
288	233	Cookson	279 †	+½	...	2.8	30.1
110	81	Copymore	105	...	4.0	4.8	∞
187	147	Crowth Ptr 'A'	162	...	...	4.4	21.9
157	109	Cosalt	152	-½	...	5.2	...
285	243	Creighton Nt	243	...	7.4	3.8	17.4
44	37	CrestaCare	39 †	...	0.7	2.4	∞
4123	3537½	Dana	3537½	-25	...	...	...
388	315	Danka Bs Sys	310	-4	...	0.6	30.3
296	244	David Brown	267	-16	6.4	3.3	∞
1021	848	De La Rue	925½	+4½	...	2.6	22.2
52	38½	Dinkie Heel	46	...	...	3.9	11.8
628	536	Diploma	536	...	...	2.8	21.5
97	74	Dobson Park	74	-1	...	6.3	16.8
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.9	19.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
16	13	EFG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	∞
442	373	EIS	425	...	12.3	3.7	∞
25	15	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
53	45	Eleco	47	...	...	...	...
3556½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3518½	-40½	...	1.5	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	80	...	...	...	...
540	458	Eng China Cl	482 †	-8	...	5.2	28.1
146	125	Environmed	137	...	...	...	...
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3018½	-15½	...	1.3	25.8
86	56	Eurocopy	60	-1	...	3.2	19.4
86	60	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
778	669	Fairey Group	732 †	+4	11.8	2.0	∞
145	109	Fenner	137	-1	...	...	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	104	...	...	2.5	15.3
14	7	Ferrum	8½	...	...	...	...
78	58	Fife Indmar	63 †	...	...	5.5	9.3
157	113	Fisons	154 †	-3	...	3.5	...
80	41	Fitzwilton	48	-3	...	9.8	...
288	263	Flogas	278	...	...	3.1	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.1	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
264	220	Frost Group	240 †	...	4.9	2.6	∞
87	77	GEI Intl	85	...	...	3.6	...
632	510½	GKN	622 ↓	+3	...	4.1	37.3
69	49	GR Hldgs	64 †	...	...	3.5	...
134	91	Garton Eng	123	...	...	4.7	32.4
191	139	Gestetner	153	-1	...	2.5	...
66	49	Glevos	60	...	...	...	43.4
725	549	Glaxo	576½	+7½	...	5.2	13.7
46	35½	Glenchewton	43	...	...	...	...
404	352	Glynwed	375	...	...	4.0	26.9
191	125	Goode Durrant	189	...	...	3.6	...
185	155	Grampian Hld	155 †	...	...	4.4	59.8
598	519	Granada	559	-2	...	2.0	22.1
487	452	Great Strms	472 †	...	12.2	3.2	∞
85	72	Green (Ernst)	72 †	...	...	12.2	13.2
84½	61	Haden MacLn	71	+1	...	3.6	18.1
114	90	Hadleigh	113	...	1.0	1.7	...
76	61	Halkin Hldgs	61	-1	...	...	47.6
320	243	Hall Eng	263	...	...	4.9	13.9
256	219	Halma	230	...	...	1.2	28.8
71	47	Hampson Ind	66	+1	1.7	3.2	21.8
302	257	Hanson	273½	-2	...	5.2	25.4
161	134	Harris (Phillip)	134	...	...	6.4	8.1
220	186	Harrisn Crsfld	194 †	+3	...	5.8	27.8
179	121	Havelock Euro	176	...	2.0	1.4	∞
48	36	Hay (Norman)	40	+2	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	374	Hepworth	374 †	-4	...	5.0	19.5
205	154	Hewitt (J)	173 †	...	3.2	2.3	∞
73	52	High-Point	73	+10	0.5	0.9	...
184½	152	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
28	16	Hobson	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	172	Holders Tech	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	57	...	1.3	2.9	∞
216	176	Hornby	191 †	+2	...	5.9	17.5
103	78	Howden	95 †	...	...	3.0	15.1
280	234	Hozelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
265	209	Hunting	210 †	+1	...	6.0	41.5
513	448	Hundigh Tech	488	...	...	1.2	∞
379	326	IMI	358 †	+3	...	3.5	30.0
138	119	ISA Intl	130 †	...	...	1.6	17.4
165	125	Intercare Gp	127	...	...	3.4	12.1
325	284	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
730	409½	Jardine Math	433½	-8½	...	3.5	∞
628	534	Johnson Matth	626	+5	...	2.1	24.4
51	37	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
182	149	Johnston	182	+1	2.0	1.4	∞
32	26	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	...	1.0	4.0	∞
191½	148½	Kalon	191½	+1½	...	2.7	19.4
280	230	Kelsey Ind	274	...	...	3.6	...
805	730	Kershaw (A)	765	...	...	4.4	39.4
276	213	Kleeneze	213	...	...	3.6	∞
436	341	Laird	430 †	-1	...	0.6	68.9
170	145	Lilleshall	158 †	...	...	3.1	20.2
229	205	Lincat	217	...	...	3.6	17.3
51	30½	Lincoln Hse	43	...	...	3.6	15.3
150	95	Linread	149 †	...	...	...	21.9
383	313	Linton Park	373	...	...	3.3	33.7
14	9½	Lionheart	9½	...	...	5.2	∞
20½	16½	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	4.0	21.1
173	101	Lon Intl	104	+2	6.2	7.5	∞
175½	129	Lonrho	142	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
438	364	Low & Bonar	435 †	+7	...	2.9	20.0
49	42	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
67	55	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6
70	45	MY Holdings	56½	-½	...	3.3	13.6
271	223	Macfarlane	231 †	-1	...	2.1	21.0
539	448	McKechnie	503	-1	...	3.7	23.9
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
163	129	Mang Bronze	147 †	...	...	3.0	16.6
26	19½	Marling	19½	...	...	5.4	...
231	182	Mayborn	195 †	...	...	3.7	13.6
64	53	Mayflower	58 †	...	...	2.9	...
187	132	Medeva	142 †	...	2.7	2.4	∞
120	96½	Meggitt	108 †	...	...	4.5	16.1
132	116	Metalrax	121	...	...	4.2	17.8
128	103	Metrotect	112	...	...	3.6	15.6
128	99	Mersey	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
124	95	Midstates	103½	-½	...	0.9	14.4
585	548	Molins	585 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
408	360	Morgan Cble	371 †	+2	...	4.2	18.0
217	176	Morris Ashby	213	...	5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	41	...	1.0	3.0	55.0
80	63	Nestor-BNA	70 †	...	...	5.6	15.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	267	...	5.3	2.5	26.4
212½	156	Norcros	160	...	...	5.5	23.4
35	31	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
64	48	OMI Intl	56	...	...	3.9	...
175	160	PCT	172	...	7.2	3.4	∞
88	66	Pacer Systems	88 †	...	...	5.0	31.8
43	31	Pascoe's	37	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	94	+1	...	4.3	43.5
310	220	Photo-Me	225	...	4.7	2.6	13.5
208	177	Pilkington	207	...	...	1.6	...
110	88	Plaxton	88 †	...	3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Polypipe	157	-3	...	1.7	20.1
25	16	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
341	225	Powerscreen	238	-4	...	3.6	12.4
23½	17½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.7	10.2
77	56	RPS Group	65 †	+1	2.4	4.6	∞
108	82	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
174	143	Ramco Oil	167	...	1.0	0.7	55.9
447½	377	Rank Org	430	+1	...	3.6	23.4
26	13	Ransomes	22	+2	...	...	...
723	595	Reckitt Colm	672 †	+3	...	3.3	16.8
95	70	Record	83	...	...	3.6	18.1
5½	3½	Reece	3½	-1	...	...	...
291	245	Relyon	255	+5	...	2.5	46.5
308	268	Renishaw	291	+11	...	2.8	36.6
153	126	Renold	146	...	...	1.5	...
539½	439½	Reuters	531½	+3½	...	1.5	29.7
88	74	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	163	Ricardo Group	165 †	...	...	4.5	18.4
73	68	Richard (Leics)	68	...	2.2	4.2	∞
104½	82½	Richardson West	94 ↓	...	...	4.3	18.6
170	130	Ropner	170	...	...	6.2	16.7
164	126	-do- 'A'	162	...	8.2	6.6	∞
24	15	Ross Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	∞
195	170	Rotork	179 †	...	...	3.0	∞
190	144	Rubicon	144	...	...	3.7	18.2
78	62	Russell (A)	78 †	+2	...	2.8	27.8
38½	34½	SEP Indl	36	...	...	2.8	16.7
1362½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1362½	...	...	...	...
272	230½	Scapa	247	...	...	2.9	18.4
210	180	Scholl	184 †	-1	...	4.3	14.9
291	242	Scotia	279	-1	...	...	...
1291	1146	Securicor	1203	...	...	0.3	35.5
1036	843	-do- 'A'	862	...	...	0.4	25.5
892	733	Security Serv	742	...	...	1.0	28.3
150½	89½	Senior Eng	142½ ↓	+3	...	3.0	22.7
335	312	Seton Health	313	...	...	2.4	18.5
180	138	Shiloh	165	...	3.5	2.7	∞
358	300	Sidlaw	358	...	...	3.7	17.7
630	559	Siebe	620	...	...	2.1	21.9
378	293	Silentnight	304	+1	...	3.3	16.5
168	137	Sime Darby	163 †	-2	...	3.0	18.0
130½	75	Simon Eng	126 †	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	220	...	...	4.0	17.8
60	35	Six Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	145 †	+½	...	4.2	16.1
443	357½	SmithKline	389½	+14½	...	3.5	15.0
407	322	Smithkline Uts	356	+14	...	3.0	13.7
527½	454	Smiths Ind	502½	-½	...	3.1	20.0
104	75	Soho Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
720	420	Spear (JW)	720	...	...	3.4	12.1
435	337	Spirax-Sarco	435 †	...	...	2.8	21.2
81½	50½	Spring Ram	60½	...	...	1.0	∞
267	201	Staveley	213	...	...	5.0	12.0
242	197	Sterling Ind	236	...	...	3.3	34.6
220	180	Suter	195 †	...	...	5.9	17.3
604	440½	Swire Pacific 'A'	469½	-19	...	2.1	∞
56	48	Sykes-Pick	51	...	2.0	6.7	∞
178	168	Syltone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	412 †	+1	...	3.4	25.7
44	31	TLS Range	35 †	...	0.5	1.8	∞
389	330	TT Group	385 †	...	...	2.1	∞
282	230	Takare	253 †	...	2.0	2.0	22.6
852½	656	Takeda Chem	776½	-8	...	0.8	14.7
101	92	Tinsley (Eliz)	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
230	217	Tinme	230	...	...	2.6	19.6
283	234	Tomkins	254	...	...	2.4	18.3
124	93	Trafalgar H	105	-1	...	3.3	18.7
105	68	Transfer Tech	82 †	-1	3.3	5.0	...
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	3.9	...
318	272	UniChem	278 †	...	6.5	2.9	∞
440	365	Unidare	370	...	...	2.8	20.1
54	34	Unigroup	39	...	...	...	...
1247	1000	Unilever	1072½	-8½	25.0	2.9	∞
8118½	7006½	Unilever (NV)	7337½	-231½	...	2.8	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	15	...	...	...	...
1093	858	VSEL	998	...	...	3.8	13.8
31½	14½	Verson	19	...	...	...	...
202½	172	Vickers	200 †	+1	...	1.9	25.1
327	264	Victaulic	312 †	...	...	3.2	17.2
532	451	Vinten	520	+6	...	1.9	16.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	784	...	...	2.6	18.2
65	37	WSP Hldgs	60 †	-2	...	3.8	44.2
525	451	Wagon Ind	523	...	...	4.2	23.1
5	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	17.7
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	...	3.3	4.0	∞
306½	254	Wassall	305 †	+6	...	1.4	28.4
54	44	Watford Wdgwd	52	-1	...	...	...
365	303	Weir	344 †	...	...	2.4	∞
704	498	Wellcome	524 †	-9	...	3.0	11.1
40½	22	Wellman	40½	+½	0.9	2.8	66.1
400	319	West Hlthcare	334	+1	...	1.4	21.5
548	455	Whatman	521 †	...	...	2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	222	...	...	4.6	10.5
119	93	Whitecroft	118	...	...	...	...
13½	10½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
191	120	Wilkes (James)	179	-1	...	1.0	∞
414½	359½	Williams Hldg	368 ↓	-5	...	4.3	19.8
53	39½	Wilshaw	46	...	...	1.5	29.0
975	830	Wolseley	887	-7	...	2.1	21.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	55	...	...	1.1	...
96	70	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1497½	956½	Alex & Alex	956½	-6½	...	7.0	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1718½	-35	...	4.5	...
86	55	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
165	127	Bradstock	127	...	...	5.4	14.3
550	430	Britannic	437 †	+2	15.7	2.9	∞
117	99	CLM Insce	99½	...	...	...	...
711	545	Com Union	549 †	-4	...	5.7	20.4
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
64	42	FAI	45	+1	...	1.1	...
194	153	Fenchurch Grp	153	...	...	5.9	13.7
757	559	Gen Accident	565 †	-11	...	6.1	11.4
267	175	GRE	179 †	...	...	5.3	24
457	371	Heath C E	382	+3	...	5.2	...
257	122	Hogg Gp	254	...	3.6	2.8	∞
323	257	Independent Ins	257 †	...	8.2	4.0	∞
203	174	JIB Group	191 †	-1	...	4.9	17.4
547	452	Legal & Gen	452½ †	-12½	...	5.6	15.8
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1303½	-40½	...	2.4	20.7
119	99	LIMIT	100	...	...	...	...
471	378	Lloyds Abbey	379 †	-3	...	5.9	12.2
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	278 †	-1	7.1	3.2	17.3
443	354	Londn & Man	355 †	-7	...	5.5	17.3
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	427	...	14.0	4.1	15.3
5787½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5575	-25	...	3.2	...
186	147	Nelson Hurst	170	-3	...	4.1	17.0
131	112	Oriel	124	+1	...	5.2	∞
83	71	PWS	71	...	...	7.0	13.2
385	302	Prudential	307½ †	-5½	...	5.4	14.6
474	315½	Refuge	315½ †	-7½	...	4.5	21.2
380	253	Royal	263 †	-1	...	3.6	11.9
222	176	Sedgwick	197	-1	...	3.8	22.2
153	105	Steel Burrill	144 †	...	...	7.8	∞
87	63½	Sturge Hldgs	63½	-½	...	5.9	53.9
418	314	Sun Alliance	327 †	-8	...	5.6	14.9
96	75	Trade Indemnity	75 †	...	...	0.8	16.7
464	350	Transatlantic	383 ↓	...	...	3.9	35.0
673	510	Utd Friendly	538 †	+3	16.5	3.8	∞
245	207	Willis Corroon	229½	-5½	...	3.6	20.3
	21½	Windsor	24	...	...	...	18.9

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2058	1782	Alliance	1826 †	-12	...	3.2	...
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	437	-2	...	2.0	...
161	149½	BZW Conv	152	...	7.8	6.4	...
219	190	Bankers	193½	-½	...	2.4	...
381	335	Baring Tribune	342	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	236 †	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	98½	Br Assets	102½	-½	...	5.3	...
98	90	Br Empire Sec	93½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
234	200	Br Inv	205	...	4.6	2.8	...
272	236	Brunner	237	...	...	2.8	...
221	199	Contl Asset	206	...	...	1.8	...
162	147	Derby Inc	162	...	...	12.2	...
329	278	-do- Cap	318	...	...	...	...
100	90	Drayton Blue	98	...	8.4	10.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
156	128	-do- Far East	144½	-2½	...	0.6	...
177	137	-do- Korea	150	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	701	-3	...	4.7	...
108	85	-do- Japan	100	-1	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	67	...	...	...	...
827	759	-do- Wwde	788	-2	...	1.5	...
341	301	Dundee & Lon	314	-1	...	3.6	...
360	303	Edinburgh	313	-1	...	3.6	...
354	299	Electra Inv	310	-1	...	2.8	...
220	193	Electric Gen	198	-1	3.1	2.0	...
127	116	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	310	European Asset	310 †	...	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	287	Fleming Amer	299	-1	...	0.6	...
145	90	Fleming Chinese	90	-1	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	52	-1	...	...	...
287	220	-do- Claver	224½ †	...	...	3.1	...
385	334	Do Contl	363	+1	2.2	0.8	∞
264	223	-do- Emrg	229	...	...	2.6	...
459	327	-do- F East	359	-1½	1.1	0.4	...
422	365	-do- Fledg	396	...	...	0.9	...
120	102	-do- Hi Inc	105	...	...	5.2	...
279	223	-do- Japan	267	-3	...	0.2	...
347	294	-do- Merc	306 †	-2	6.7	2.7	...
347½	295	-do- O'seas	299	-3	4.2	1.8	...
155½	134	Foreign & Col	140½	-½	...	1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	113	-1	0.2	0.3	...
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	68	-½	...	1.1	...
261	236½	-do- Eurotr	260½	-½	...	0.6	...
145	121	-do- German	130	-1	0.5	0.5	...
374	316	-do- Pacific	343 †	-4	2.2	0.8	∞
192	174	-do- Smaller	181½	-1½	1.8	1.3	...
303	247	GT Japan	280½	-2½	...	0.6	...
200	175	Genl Cons Cap	192	...	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.8	...
191	164	Govett Am Smlr	164	-4	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	111	...	...	...	...
112	91	Govett High Inc	93	...	...	7.0	...
429	350	-do- Oriental	382	-3	0.0	0.3	...
346	279	-do- Strategy	284	-1	...	3.0	...
475	423	Greenfriar	465	...	...	1.8	...
19	19	Graham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	94	Herald	101	-1	...	...	...
150	132½	Inv Cap	135	-1	...	4.8	...
119	102	IBS UK Smllr	108	...	2.8	2.2	...
243	205	Kleinwort Chrt	216½	-½	...	3.0	...
272½	238	-do- O'seas	245½	-1½	...	1.7	...
166	138	-do- Smlr	149 †	-1	...	2.9	...
826	714	Law Debenture	738 †	-3	...	3.3	...
227	204	Majedie	205	...	...	3.1	...
324	266	Merchants	266 †	-3	...	5.2	...
89	84½	Mercury Euro Pv	85½	+½	...	...	...
45	34½	Do Warrants	34½	...	...	...	...
125	103	-do- World Mng	105	-½	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	37	...	...	...	...
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2387½	-25	...	...	...
595	519	Monks Inv Tst	535	-3	...	1.6	...
158	142	Morg Gren Inc	145	...	...	3.9	...
64	46	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
94	77	Do Latin Amer	94	...	...	...	...
50	30	Do Warrants	49	-½	...	...	...
148	125	Murray Ent	134	-1	...	1.0	...
£290	£265	-do- Pf 1994	£280	...	...	...	...
58	38	-do- Warrants	38	...	...	...	...
66	50½	Murray Euro	63 †	...	0.2	0.6	∞
25½	16	Do Wts	17½	...	...	...	...
383	348	Murray Income	355	-3	11.3	4.0	∞
395	330	-do- Intl	356 †	-1	...	4.1	...
548	437	-do- Small	494	-2	...	1.2	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.5	...
174	136	-do- S/C Cap	150	...	...	...	...
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3375	...	...	3.0	...
160	153	-do- S/C DP	155	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	338 †	-2	...	4.1	...
95	78	Nthrng Inc	80 †	...	6.7	10.5	...
434	359	O'seas Inv Tst	399	-2	...	1.1	...
241	193	Do Warrants	197	-4	...	...	...
643½	433	Pacific Assets	488	-20	...	0.3	...
542	335	Do Warrants	396	-7	...	...	...
9400	8675	Personal Assets	8950 †	-50	19.0	2.2	...
189	170	RIT Cap Prtnr	177	-1	1.1	0.8	...
127	114	River & Merc	120	...	...	9.8	...
449	425	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
465	430	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
343	270	St Andrew Inv	331 †	...	...	2.0	...
183	162	Scot American	165½	-1½	...	1.6	...
268	256	Scott Asian	272	-4	...	...	...
1070	753	do Warrants	753	-2	...	...	...
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	89½	-2	...	3.3	...
262½	221	Scottish	229½	-1½	...	2.7	...
264½	217	-do- Mrge	229	-1½	4.1	2.3	∞
137½	116½	-do- Value	125	...	...	1.8	...
1795	1581	Second Alince	1615	-9	...	3.1	...
126	92	Secs Tst of Scot	93	-½	3.2	4.5	...
179	164	Selective Asset	164	...	...	1.1	...
51½	45½	Sphere Inv	46½	...	...	8.8	...
205	149	TR Far East	169	...	...	3.0	...
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	151½	-1½	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	95½	-2	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	39½	-½	0.9	2.9	...
152	127	TR Tech Inv	137	-1	1.7	1.6	...
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	202	...	...	2.4	...
412	349	Temple Bar	354	-1	...	4.8	...
135	105	Thrgmtn Asian T	109	-1	0.5	0.6	∞
131	79	Throgmorton	79½	-1	...	3.0	...
353	281	Thrgt Dual Cp	495	-5	...	...	...
260	245	USDc Invest	249	...	...	2.1	...
129	114	Value Inc Tst	117	...	4.0	4.3	...
257½	225	Wnan	237	-2	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	429	+11	...	2.6	34.9
60½	25½	Ald Leis	26	...	...	14.4	8.5
177	163	Alpha Airpts	174	...	...	2.9	∞
648	428	Anglia TV	645	...	...	1.8	29.0
131	85	Baldwin	118	-4	...	3.7	15.5
333	287	Barr & W 'A'	305	...	...	4.1	13.4
1525	1155	Boosey Hwks	1513 †	+88	...	2.1	18.3
295	133	Border TV	160	...	3.6	2.8	13.0
6½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
7½	4	Buckingham Intl	4½	...	...	...	...
74	44	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	411	-4	...	1.7	36.2
1047	530	Carlton Comm	996½	-1½	...	2.6	20.6
300	248	Castle Comm	285 †	...	...	3.9	18.0
163	114	Chrysalis	161	...	1.2	2.5	...
374	305	Compass Gp	315	+2	...	2.8	17.4
285	232	Eurocamp	279	+2	9.7	4.4	11.5
457½	346	Euro Disney	386	+6½	...	3.0	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
419	306	Fairline Boats	370	...	...	3.5	34.8
350	281	First Leisure	329	...	...	2.5	22.3
478	325	Flextech	335	-10	0.5	0.2	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	1010	...	...	1.1	36.6
303	228	Grampian	267	+8	7.5	3.6	∞
22	15	Greenwich Comm	16	...	...	...	...
167	106	HTV Group	134	...	1.0	0.9	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	91	...	...	3.8	41.3
18½	11½	Kunick	15½	...	...	...	...
752	605	LWT Hldgs	740	-3	...	0.8	34.2
702	539	Man Utd	679 †	-15	...	3.7	27.4
51	34	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
130	61	Owners Abrd	124	+2	...	3.5	...
95	70	The Pelican Gp	95	+4	1.2	1.5	22.3
183	173	Prism Leisure	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	34	...	...	...	...
260	205	Ramsdens (R)	260	+2	...	2.2	37.4
628	395	Scot Radio	571	+10	...	2.1	25.9
574	438	Scot TV	440 †	-2	12.4	3.5	∞
40½	28½	SelecTV	31½	-½	...	...	...
118	65	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
330	298½	Stanley Leisure	306	-11	...	2.1	24.8
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131 †	...	3.5	3.3	20.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	19.6
99	75	Tottenham Hot	90	...	...	2.8	34.4
182	85	Trans World	174	+4	1.3	0.9	63.5
760	518	Ulster TV	686 †	...	15.0	3.0	∞
149	112	Vardon	143 †	+3	1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	316	...	...	1.3	...
126	110	Zeners Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3331½	-18½	...	1.9	28.0
2281½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2256½	...	...	4.1	11.6
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	5540½	+150	...	4.6	∞
36	29	Anglo Pac Res	33½	...	...	...	...
404	298	Bakyrchik	365	+25	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	134	+9½	...	...	...
37	26½	Bracken	33	+3	...	2.8	5.8
898	580½	Buffels	651½	+29½	...	10.0	5.8
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
930½	778½	CRA	778½	-14	...	2.7	24.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	45½	-1½	...	...	∞
86	28½	Coal Inv	69 †	-2	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1587½	...	...	3.5	16.8
148	88	Deelkraal	105½	+2½	...	1.9	7.7
74	30½	Doornfontein	42½	-½	...	...	...
914	665½	Driefontein	783½	+32½	...	4.2	12.9
776½	549½	Durban	733½	+20½	...	...	...
170	107	E Rand Gold	130½	-½	...	15.2	∞
122½	71	E Rand Prop	80½	+7½	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	333½	-2	...	5.9	∞
1239	741½	FS Cons	911	+40½	...	8.2	∞
57	27	FS Dev	36	...	...	...	...
1800	1190½	GFSA	1437½	+50	...	2.8	24.2
152½	108½	Gencor	138½	+5½	...	4.8	15.4
80½	59½	GM Kalgoorli	59½	-1½	...	2.3	24.5
18½	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	141½	+9	...	7.0	8.9
416	319½	Harmony	349½	+21½	...	...	...
420	271½	Hartles	323½	+1½	...	8.8	8.0
21½	14	Inoco	15	...	...	...	12.4
1028½	831½	Impala Plat	956½	+28	...	2.9	31.3
16½	9½	Kenmare Res	13½	...	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	1081½	+39½	...	5.7	12.0
898½	576½	Kloof	713	+28	...	3.4	8.5
137	69½	Leslie	94½	+2½	...	12.0	3.1
333	176½	Loraine	191½	-1½	...	...	...
1125	887½	Lydenburg	956½	...	...	...	...
155½	118	MIM	135½	+1½	...	2.2	...
1556	1227	Minorco	1313 †	+35	...	1.7	58.8
201½	150	Nth Brkn Hill	155½	-5½	...	2.9	15.7
890	790	RTZ	848 †	+8	...	3.2	23.9
268½	187½	Rand Mines	208½	...	...	4.0	24.2
801½	554	Randfontein	684½	-12½	...	4.0	10.1
295	215	Renison	220	-2	...	6.0	6.8
1346½	1100	Rustnbrg	1190½	+18½	...	2.7	27.3
756	540½	St Helena	597½	+17½	...	7.1	12.6
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2084½	+53½	...	4.5	22.6
174	73	Stilfontein	114	+2½	...	18.1	21.3
160	90	Unisel	107½	+2½	...	4.1	10.3
7600	5069½	Vaal Reefs	5953½	-231½	...	4.5	9.2
624½	508½	Western Areas	534	-6½	...	4.8	3.8
3362½	2269½	Western Deep	2531½	-109½	...	4.3	8.4
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	320	-½	...	1.6	...
1225	612½	Winkels	700	-3½	...	6.6	6.7
66	50	Zambia Copper	55	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
278	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	...	...	...
115	110	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	134	Appleyard	149 †	+1	5.5	4.6	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	365 †	...	...	3.4	∞
235	180	Bostrom	235 †	...	...	3.2	22.3
584	390	Br Aerospace	489 †	+6	...	2.1	43.0
57	45	Burndene	55	...	...	4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	405	-5	11.5	3.5	21.4
22	13½	Caverdale	17½	+1½	0.1	1.1	∞
130	108	Central Mtr	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
43	32½	Cook (DC)	39	...	0.9	2.9	22.1
348	281	Cowie (T)	331	...	...	3.0	18.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	168 †	...	...	4.7	∞
157	120	Davnprt Vern	120	-1	...	4.4	11.9
332	275	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	135	European Mtr	162	...	...	2.9	22.8
552	408	Evans Halshaw	528 †	+1½	...	3.1	21.8
310	235	FR Group	310	...	...	3.1	∞
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3793½	-50	...	...	...
4387½	3650	General Mtr	3762½	...	...	1.4	...
90	60	Gowrings	73 †	...	2.0	3.4	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	297 ↓	-1	...	3.2	20.5
1169½	918½	Honda Motor	1095	-9½	...	0.8	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	∞
116	80	Jessups	101	-2	4.5	5.6	...
184	156½	Kwik-Fit	173½ †	...	...	2.7	19.0
573	445	Lex Service	545 †	+3	...	2.9	∞
276	162	Lookers	245 †	...	...	3.3	23.9
239	189	Lucas	207 †	-2	...	4.2	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	27	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	300	...	...	3.0	21.3
238	175	Perry Gp	222	...	7.0	4.0	∞
218	156	Quicks Group	187 †	-1	...	3.3	∞
204	161	Rolls-Royce	203½ †	+½	...	3.1	35.9
256	203	T & N	245	-1	...	5.5	28.0
312	263	Trinity Hldgs	312	+1	6.2	2.5	∞
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	208 †	...	...	2.6	24.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	305	...	5.7	2.3	31.2
335	335	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
402	308	Blenheim Gp	351	...	10.5	3.7	∞
413	365	Bristol	400	-1	...	3.8	36.1
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1456½	-15½	...	1.3	34.1
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1209½	...	...	1.5	28.3
296	260	Dorling Kind	291 †	...	...	1.4	28.3
6712½	5843½	Elsevier	5897½	-46½	...	3.2	∞
476	404	EMAP	404	...	...	2.5	24.9
1665	1450	Euromoney Pb	1665	...	...	2.9	29.3
194	149	Harrington K	149	-8	4.9	4.2	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	382 †	...	5.0	1.6	∞
180	120	Home Counts	145 †	...	4.5	3.9	∞
208	161	Intl Bus Comm	199 †	+2	...	1.3	1.2
15	10½	Intl Cm & Data	12½	...	...	...	...
340	277½	Independent	338 ↓	+4½	...	2.8	11.5
669	551	Johnston Press	662 †	-1	7.0	1.3	∞
110	63	MAID	69	...	...	...	...
431	338	Metal Bulletn	431	...	...	2.4	25.0
176½	162	Midland Ind	170½	+½	...	2.0	24.2
203	166	Mirror Gp	171	-3	...	...	12.5
514½	424½	News Corp	454	+7	...	0.3	...
314	290	News Intl	273 †	+3	...	0.6	16.8
735	605	Pearson	650 †	+2	...	2.5	25.1
760	670	Portsmth Sund	748	...	...	1.6	20.6
964	818	Reed Intl	846 †	+9	...	2.8	25.6
249	187	Southnews	239	...	2.3	1.2	44.2
200	160	Sterling Pub	181 †	...	...	2.1	22.1
617	487	Telegraph	609 †	...	...	2.7	19.0
885	785	Thomson Corp	825	-10	30.1	4.6	41.2
472	436	Trinity Intl	443 †	...	...	2.7	21.9
43	21	Unit Group	41	...	...	...	...
731	623	Utd Nwspaprs	629 †	-2	...	4.4	17.2

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Aran Energy	29	-½	...	...	∞
53	35	Arcon Intl	50	-1	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	-½	...	...	...
67	50	Aviva Pet	53	-1	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6	...	...	...	59.6
246	200	Br Borneo	244 †	-1	...	3.6	12.6
358	280	British Gas	286	+6	...	6.5	...
406½	340	Br Petroleum	386 †	-5	...	2.7	32.3
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	811	Burmah Castrl	838 †	...	...	4.1	17.4
60	56	Cairn Energy	69	...	...	...	0.9
379	315	Calor Gp	333	+4	...	4.8	16.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	41	...	...	...	...
30	19½	Coplex Res	20½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	23½	...	...	...	25.4
486	398	Enterprise	416 †	-8	...	4.8	25.8
84	28	Exp Co Louis	83	+5	...	...	...
29½	21	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	4.9	10.1
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
74	54	Goal Pet	73 †	-1	...	2.4	19.2
41	31	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
177	149½	Hardy O & G	160	-4	...	0.8	14.9
55	40	Kelt Energy	47	...	...	...	...
169	110½	LASMO	149½	-7½	...	1.1	...
73	51	-do- Units	98 †	...	...	9.4	22.0
9½	2	Mid Sun Res	4	...	...	...	...
80½	55	Monument	66½	...	...	...	...
2½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	42	-1	...	...	...
49½	12½	Petrel	33½	-1	...	...	...
163	153	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
22½	21½	Premier	19½	...	...	...	16.2
158	116	Presidio	129	...	...	9.2	...
438	325	Ranger	435	...	...	3.7	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dutch Fl	7221½	-140½	...	4.1	...
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3699½	-71½	...	2.2	...
58	54	Seafield	56	...	...	...	∞
749	651	Shell	723 †	-6	...	4.7	...
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sv	130	...	...	...	...
19	14½	Villiers Grp	15	...	...	...	...
228½	178½	Wordside	203	-1½	...	1.8	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	162	AG Holdings	162				
444	388	API	388				
116	237	Arjo Wiggins	315 †	+2			
781	541	Abbott Mead	611 †		12.9	2.1	∞
29	17½	Aegis Gp	26½				
255	145	Aspen Comm	171 †		4.9		∞
26	18	BBB Design	18				
472	454	Bemrose	472 †		12.7	3.4	∞
17½	8½	Birkdale	10½				
180	145	Bunzl	183 †	+2			
430	352	CIA Gp	387 †				∞
170	129	Capital Inds	130 †	-2			
43	36	City of Lon	84				
439	366	Cropper (James)	390				
114	88	Delyn Group	107	-1			
177	104	Dolphin Pack	138 †			4.3	∞
53	26	Dudley Jenkins	28				
17½	12½	Elswick	15½				
101	75	Fairway Group	94				
430	363	Ferguson Intl	411				
145	135	Ferry Pick	144 †				
277	198	Filofax	214				
17½	8	Fitch	12				
149	140	Gibbon Lyons	141				
275	171	Gold Greenlees	177				
31	23	Goodhead	31				∞
30	15	Huntleprint	20				
162	130	Inceurope	147 †				
290	271	Jarvis Porter	280				
17½	13	Lopex	15 †				
30½	29½	MAI	29½				
431	357	More O'Ferrall	378 †	-1	11.2	4.6	∞
146	115	NMC Group	119	-2			
300	230	Osborne & Little	293	-1			
60	52	Osprey Comms	55	-1			
658	513	Portals	641	-1			
3	2	Premier Hlth	2½				
330	280	Quarto	311 †				∞
412	323	St Ives Gp	370 †	-1			
158	127	Saatchi	129				
684½	404½	Sappi	604½				
38	18	Senf	27				
67	39½	Shandwick	43 †				
574	398	Smith David	452	-8			
361	286	Smurfit Jeff	322	-2			
119	103	Somic	107		2.5		
254	210	Stat-Plus	214 †		5.9		∞
33	25½	Taylor Nelson	31½		0.4		∞
168	125	VTR	164	+2			
120	89	WPP	124				
204	182	Wace	191 †	-1			
300	244	Waddington (J)	260	-2			
511	409	Watmough	456				
1	1	Wrapura	1½				
44	20	Whitney Mcke	36	+1			
108	98	Wyndeham	104				

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	113 †			4.0	25.2
48	37	Arcadian	41				
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	6½				
144	109	Asda	120		2.2	2.3	∞
191	145	Avonside	146 †	-1		7.6	∞
2575	2328½	BCE	2356½	-9½			
765	585	Bilton	588 †	-1		4.1	22.5
108	72	Bourne End	100			1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	252	+11	5.9	2.0	25.5
22½	12½	Bredero	16½	-½			
474	391	Br Land	405	-4		2.2	36.9
276	208	Brixton	217	-1		4.7	19.5
118	90½	Burford	100			1.8	32.2
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	170 †			1.0	∞
315	230	Cardiff Prop	315			1.0	75.5
185	152	Chelsfield	168	+2		1.8	∞
678	584	Chesterfield	611	+3	11.5	2.4	41.1
84	36	City Site Ests	81				
34	22	Clarke Nickolls	25				52.2
350	285	Compco	350		12.9	4.9	76.5
56	38	Conrad Ritblat GS	42	-1	...		
1755	1458	Daejan	1600			2.1	19.8
25½	5	Dares Estates	15				
156	123	Debenham Twsn	127			3.2	24.1
17	10	De Morgan	12				
189	167	Dencora	169		1.3	1.5	∞
723	588	Derwent Hldgs	600 †	-3		2.0	25.7
41	30½	Development Sec	30½				
65	53	Dwyer	58				
460	370	Estates Agency	440 †			3.0	53.2
47	18	Estates Gen	32½				
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	110	+1		2.2	19.4
43½	34½	Ex-Lands	35½				
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½			0.8	
78	66	Fletcher King	72		1.0	1.7	47.7
536	440	Frogmore	475 †	+1		4.3	20.9
325	228	Grainger	293			2.2	52.3
260	198	Gr Portland	219	+2		4.0	21.0
23½	16½	Greycoat	18				
269	177½	HK Land	182½	-9½	...	4.9	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntyw	69	..	0.7	1.4	∞
435	347	Hammerson	398 †	+9		3.1	30.9
378	298	Helical Bar	368 †	+4	5.8	2.0	∞
40½	33½	Hemingway	35½			1.4	
78	53	Herring Baker	53	-1	1.5	3.6	∞
315	138	Jermyn	245				
792	621	Land Sec	670		23.1	4.3	20.0
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	98	...	4.0	5.1	15.2
16	9	Lon & Metro	15		...		
562	441½	MEPC	487	+4		5.1	28.0
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½				
190	164	McKay Secs	174		3.5	2.5	23.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	73	+1			
55	35	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.4	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1271½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	162	Mucklow (A&J)	164		...	4.8	23.4
59	38	OEM	38	...	...	...	...
64	43	Olives Prop	44 †		...	...	...
2½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	149	PSIT	158	...	4.3	3.5	31.3
399	325	Peel	335		4.3	1.6	...
12½	5½	Power Corp	5½	-½			
50	30	Property Trust	44			...	12.5
54	40	Raglan	46½				
40	30	Regalian	33				
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
134	115	Rugby Est	134			2.1	
64	48	St Modwen Prp	51			2.5	21.4
78	59	Savills Grdn (J)	66		...	5.1	25.8
100	80	Savills	92			2.4	36.4
108	85	Scot Met	99	...		2.0	..
135	115	Shaftesbury	120			...	
17½	11½	Shield	16½	-½			9.6
307	242	Slough Estates	259 †	+5	...	3.9	42.5
103	69	Southend Prop	69			4.1	
50	25	Stanhope Prps	36				
39	35	TBI	38				
244	221	Tops Ests	221		2.1	1.2	78.8
163	132	Town Centre	138		...	3.2	24.5
107	91	Trafford Park	100 †			3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	35				
10½	8½	Union Square	9	...			
317	243	Warner	269		...	5.1	23.9
256	218	Warnford	256	+1	7.5	3.7	18.8
7½	1½	Waterglade	2				
104	76	Wates	79	+1½	..		
105	82	Wood John D	92	-1		1.0	..

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	41	..	..	..	..
231	200	Headlam	218 †	-1	..	1.8	∞
405	315	Lambert	320 †	+5	11.7	5.4	∞
75	53	Pinards	71 †	-1	.	1.5	
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23 †	..		5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	236			2.2	∞
67	57	UK Safety	63 †	.	.	5.2	13.2

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Text	564	-1	..	2.9	19.5
71	56	Beckman (A)	58 †			7.7	12.4
47	26	Bolton Gp	30	-3			
226	183	Br Mohair	196 †			5.4	26.6
68	38	Chamwell	48				
385	330	Claremont Ga	356 †		7.1	2.5	∞
593	451	Courtauld Text	556 †	+6		3.2	19.6
35	11	Cupid	18½				
166	134	Dawson	165			5.8	12.6
36	31	Drummond	31				
80	72	Faupel	72		4.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	25	-1			
168	113	Gaskell	153			3.5	
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	243	+9		2.4	17.0
73	58	Jerome (S)	66			1.0	33.3
485	395	Lamont	443		12.5	3.6	∞
340	310	Leeds	310			2.3	16.3
101	78	Lyles (S)	80			4.4	
212	125	Magellan	170 †	-2	1.4	1.0	
266	193	Parkland	246			0.9	
112	96½	Readicut	97½	+½		4.4	18.4
70	51	SEET	58				
146	124½	Sirdar	124 †			5.3	8.8
64	34	Stirling Gp	57		1.9	4.2	15.8
46	35	Stoddard	36			5.2	33.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315			4.8	26.7
49	34	West Trust	41			9.2	
280	239	Yorklyde	264		6.0	2.8	∞

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	435½	BAT	469½ †	+7½	..	5.4	13.1
489	386	Rothmans	410	-1	..	3.8	12.9

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	270½	Assoc Br Ports	279 ↓			2.1	26.6
1083	965	BAA	977	-4		2.1	24.3
128	111	Badgerline	119	-4		4.3	
496½	399	Br Airways	427½	-½		3.2	17.9
108	80	Clarkson (H)	80		1.7	2.8	∞
665	448	Eurotunnel Uts	499	-5			
87	55	Fisher (James)	58				
310	253	IoM Steam	302 †			3.6	11.5
58	39	Jacobs (JI)	57 †		3.3		
111	94	Lon O'Seas Frs	94			1.4	17.2
534	443	Mersey Docks	447 †			2.5	22.5
322	245	Natl Express	303 †	-1		3.1	∞
291	224	NFC	231 †	-3		3.8	35.5
348	263	Ocean Group	287 †	-2		6.2	14.2
91	71	Ocean Wilson	83		4.0	0.0	15.0
743	612½	P & O Dfd	709 †	-2		5.4	∞
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	163			4.2	
705	631	Powell Duffryn	679			4.2	21.5
102	89	Seacon	101	-1		2.8	22.0
206	158	Stagecoach	193			2.5	21.5
121	85½	TNT	100½				
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	875 †	-3	14.2	2.0	∞
79	32	Tiphook	32				
322	239	TDG	241 †			4.9	16.2
132	98	Ugland	124				
160	151	Utd Carriers	151				

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	486	Anglian Water	469	-10	...	5.8	8.1
365	340	Mid Kent Hdgs	343			3.9	12.7
751	558	Northumbrian	558	-24		5.2	6.5
611	482	North West	483	-14		5.7	8.0
645	493	Severn Trent	497	-7		5.4	7.2
682	498	Sthrn Water	502	-17		5.5	7.3
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1550		48.5	3.9	11.0
675	495	South West	495	-13		6.1	8.0
611	466½	Thames Water	477	-3	...	5.6	8.3
744	602	Welsh Water	602	-14		5.0	6.1
759½	583	Wessex Water	592	-5		4.7	9.4
630	482	Yorkshire W	483	-14		5.6	8.0

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 10% 1994	100	...	9.94	4.98
104	102	Exch 12¼% 1994	102	-	12.22	4.94
103	102	Treas 9% 1994	102 †	...	8.82	5.10
107	104	Treas 12% 1995	104	...	11.45	5.19
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	+	3.06	4.89
107	105	Exch 10¼% 1995	105	-	9.74	5.77
113	109	Treas 12¾% 1995	109 xd	-	11.63	6.03
117	112	Treas 14% 1996	112	-	12.44	6.19
121	116	Treas 15¼% 1996	116	-	13.13	6.45
117	112	Exch 13¼% 1996	112 xd	-	11.77	6.48
112	106	Conv 10% 1996	107 †	-	9.34	6.87
121	114	Treas 13¼% 1997	115	-	11.52	7.02
114	108	Exch 10½% 1997	108	-	9.68	7.06
110	104	Treas 8¾% 1997	104	-	8.40	7.23
131	122	Exch 15% 1997	122	-	12.21	7.37
114	106	Exch 9¾% 1998	107	-	9.10	7.47
106	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	99	-	7.30	7.38
102	96	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.87	7.22
131	121	Treas 14% 1998-01	121 xd	-	11.32	7.66
140	127	Treas 15½% 1998	129	...	12.02	7.57
125	114	Exch 12% 1998	115 xd	+	10.35	7.73
116	105	Treas 9½% 1999	107	-	8.88	7.64

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	92	Treas 6% 1999	93	-	6.43	7.49
128	116	Exch 12¼% 1999	117	...	10.42	7.82
121	109	Treas 10½% 1999	111 †	-	9.46	7.76
121	109	Conv 10¼% 1999	110 †	-	9.28	7.84
116	105	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.53	7.76
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	124	-	10.48	7.98
106	94	Treas 7% 2001	95 xd †	-	7.35	7.78
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.07	7.98
123	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	109	-	8.88	8.05
113	99	Treas 8% 2003	100	...	7.99	7.94
127	111	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.92	8.04
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116	-	9.85	8.20
89	74	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	+	4.68	6.96
105	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	92 †	+	7.32	7.82
125	109	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.60	7.98
125	109	Conv 9½% 2005	110	-	8.60	7.99
148	129	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128 xd	-	9.86	8.30
111	99	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	-	8.05	8.04
112	97	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	-	7.88	7.92
136	119	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.74	8.31
119	103	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.14	7.94
151	133	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.07	8.34
124	107	Treas 9% 2008	108	+	8.28	7.96

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	99	Treas 8% 2009	99	-	8.03	7.95
126	108	Conv 9% 2011	109	+	8.20	7.92
127	108	Treas 9% 2012	110	+	8.17	7.91
97	77	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78	-	6.97	7.67
114	97	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	97	-	7.91	7.88
117	96	Treas 8% 2013	100	-	7.95	7.86
159	136	Exch 12% 2013-17	137	-	8.70	8.07
128	107	Treas 8¾% 2017	108	-	8.04	7.86

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	43	War Ln 3½%	44 xd	...	7.87	...
37	29	Treas 2½%	31	+	8.00	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	136	Treas IL 2% 1994	138	...	...	...
203	198	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	...	2.18	3.29
113	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	...	2.58	3.31
176	167	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	-	2.91	3.31
173	164	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164 †	-	3.01	3.34
118	111	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111	-	3.03	3.34
184	172	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	-	3.09	3.34
168	155	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156 †	-	3.22	3.44
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162	-	3.26	3.46
146	133	Treas IL 2½% 2013	133	-	3.32	3.49
157	142	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142	-	3.37	3.53
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	-	3.42	3.56
129	114	Treas IL 2½% 2024	114 †	-	3.42	3.55
128	114	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	-	3.44	3.57

Source: Finstat

a USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; ¶ Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; .. No significant data.

Centuries of much polish put Surrey in control

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with one first-innings wicket in hand, lead Worcestershire by 258 runs

CENTURY-makers are an omnifarious lot. Some, like Graham Thorpe, hardened by playing Australia and West Indies, no longer give their wicket away lightly. Others, such as Adam Hollioake, bat as if their hobby is not yet their livelihood. They put on 220 yesterday, as fine a partnership as Worcestershire will have to contend with all season.

Thorpe made an unbeaten 189 and Hollioake, who scored a century on his debut last year, 123. By the time they were parted, they were not far from the record partnership for Surrey's sixth wicket, 298 by Sandham and Harrison, that has stood since 1913.

They enabled their county to gain a lead of 258 and have every chance of beating Worcestershire some time tomorrow — or even today. Much will depend on whether Surrey's bowlers can move the ball around as they did on Thursday, for the conditions were not the same yesterday.

Yet take no credit away from the batsmen. Thorpe must be enervated by the heat and conflict of the Caribbean, not to mention a weekend break that would have been nothing of the kind after three months away from home. Yet his strokeplay was as crisp as it can ever have been in April.

Hollioake is 22. When Thorpe was that age, there can have been little difference in ability. What was especially notable about the younger batsman (being born or brought up in the Colonies is no longer notable for an English-qualified cricketer) was that throughout his innings he outscored Thorpe.

Hollioake had come in when Surrey lost a further wicket to Brinkley, who like him has what is loosely termed as "Australian connections". These extend to an aggression that accounted for Brown. Surrey were then 83 for five and looking as if they would not make many more.

Not bothering about a helmet, Hollioake drove and hooked with equal facility. He late cut and occasionally steered the ball wide of second slip with an ease that was not coached into him but bestowed upon him. Thorpe had reached 33 when he came to the wicket, yet Hollioake was first to a century.

When Hollioake was taken at the wicket off the last ball before tea — he has yet to concern himself about playing for lunch, tea or anything other than the moment — he had struck 13 fours and three sixes off 184 balls. The last of these was sent into the pavilion off the most niggardly of spinners, Illingworth.

This was a lovely piece of timing. Thorpe, in the meantime, had his sights on a double century. He had reached 156 by the time he was joined by the last batsman, Benjamin, who was still with him at the close. They added 72, Thorpe having struck 23 fours.

Longley follows Saxelby's debut example

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHESTERFIELD (second day of four): Derbyshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 374 runs behind Durham

DURHAM are enjoying this match hugely. So far they have made their highest total, a massive 625 for six declared, which stands over Derbyshire's incomplete reply like Chartres Cathedral. What they must now do is win it and, with Derbyshire needing another 225 runs to avoid the follow-on, they have every chance.

For the second day, players amended the record books. On only three occasions have Derbyshire conceded more runs in an innings and never since the Great War. Jonathan Longley made a maiden championship century and Stewart Hutton equalled his championship-best score. Longley, Saxelby and Morris, in their first championship innings for Durham, pooled 371 runs for twice out, which will do for starters.

If the first day belonged to Saxelby, then Longley, signed from Kent, made yesterday his own with the second hundred by a debutant. Like Saxelby, he has turned 25, when a cricketer should know whether he will make a living from the game. Not the least of Durham's problems is knowing which of these marginal cases, either released by other counties or considered fringe material, they should take on.

There was nothing fringe-like about Longley's hundred, which required only 124 balls. Durham declared the moment he got it and, after Kim Barnett and Peter Bowler had launched the Derbyshire innings with a flurry of boundaries, they regained the initiative by slipping out three men inside nine overs after tea.

There were some wretched bowling figures, of which Malcolm's nought for 108 was by no means the worst performance. Richard Sladdin must be distraught. He toiled unsuccessfully through 44 overs which cost 180, the worst analysis in the history of Derbyshire cricket, for or against.

Left-arm spinners will always get "tap"; at least, moderate ones will. Sladdin must either learn quickly, or find something else to do. At Kidderminster last year, he took one for 185 and can now claim three of the county's eight worst returns. The last men to hog the charts like that were Lennon and McCartney. DeFreitas, Derbyshire's star recruit, did not roar like a lion but he showed some heart, taking the three wickets to fall before Bainbridge declared and four in all. The pick of Longley's strokes, was a straight six off — yes, Sladdin.

After Barnett went for 69, Adams and Rollins failed to deliver the scores that would help the team. Adams, who has a lot to prove, was superbly caught by Graveney, low down at gully when he appeared well set. Wells then top-edged a drive to mid-on, leaving Azharuddin and DeFreitas to bat the day out.

Hampshire delayed by dogged Shahid

BY SIMON WILDE

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs ahead of Essex

IF ESSEX are going to make a serious challenge for the county championship this year, they will need many more of the sort of resourceful rear-guard actions that they produced here yesterday.

At 97 for six in mid-afternoon in reply to Hampshire's 321, they were staring down both barrels, but a technically and temperamentally faultless innings of 91 by Nadeem Shahid steered them to the relative prosperity of a total of 243, a deficit of 78.

With better support, he might have reached his first century for two years, but, with the last man at the wicket, he felt obliged to hit out and lost his wicket after four hours and 25 minutes at the crease. Shahid, 25, who took two important wickets on the first day, has made a persuasive claim in this match to be regarded as an all-rounder.

However, he might not have been able to steer Essex beyond the follow-on target of 172 had Middleton not missed Kasprowicz before he had scored. The Australian was facing his second ball, with the score still 97 for six, when Benjamin found an inside edge onto the pad and the ball looped gently over the head of Middleton, who turned quickly but allowed the ball to slip through his fingers.

Kasprowicz, thus encouraged, played some vigorous shots and continued to ride his luck as he and Shahid added 64 in the next 20 overs, the highest partnership of the Essex innings.

The other key passage of play took place at the start of the innings. Everybody, himself included, was expecting no less of Graham Gooch than a century. His hopes of returning to England colours depended on it and Essex's hopes of taking the initiative in this match demanded it.

The last time these teams met in the championship, last September, Gooch had scored two separate hundreds. There was also the opportunity for Gooch to show he could see off Winston Benjamin, Hampshire's new signing and a member of the West Indies team that had roundly beaten England in the Caribbean.

Unfortunately for Gooch, Benjamin was also inspired by the occasion and produced an opening spell of real hostility. Not only did he bowl fast, he cut the ball back sharply and, in his third over, uprooted both Gooch's off stump and his ambitions.

This dismissal had an effect on both sides: it inspired Hampshire's bowlers and led several of the other specialist Essex batsmen to indiscretions.

Five overs later, Prichard was bowled shouldering arms to an inswinger from Cowans, who was also making his first appearance for Hampshire. Hussain made a similar error when he removed his bat but not his gloves from the way of a ball from Thursfield and Garnham and Irani both fell to rash heaves across the line.

By this stage, the match had undergone a strange transformation. Taking in the final hour of Thursday's play and the remainder of Hampshire's innings yesterday morning, 14 wickets had now fallen for 167 runs in 71 overs. Either side of this period, both sides combined to score 417 runs for the loss of only six wickets.

With Stephenson injured and Salim Malik and Pringle gone, it is not clear where Essex's middle order is consistently going to get its runs from. Before this match, Lewis, Shahid, Garnham and Irani had the combined tally of ten hundreds in 389 first-class innings.

After Kasprowicz was out, Shahid, who had taken 47 minutes to get off the mark, and Ilott put on an unenterprising 44. Ilott has made quite a start to the season. At Lord's for England A, he picked up 45 runs and six wickets. He has so far added another 30 runs and four more wickets.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Gooch surveys his stumps after being bowled by Benjamin for eight yesterday

Simmons hits county record

JUST about the only piece of good news for Northamptonshire yesterday was that Curtly Ambrose had at last arrived from the West Indies and was expected to play against Glamorgan next Thursday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

At Grace Road, his teammates, after fielding through a memorable innings by Phil Simmons, were bowled out for 224 and forced to follow on 258 in arrears against Leicestershire. Simmons hit the first two balls of the day from Paul Taylor for four to go past 252, the previous record individual score for the county, but was dismissed soon afterwards by Mark Bowen for 261. "I was a bit disappointed not to have made it to 300," he said after the standing ovation.

Alan Mullally quickly made inroads into the Northamptonshire batting and, although Allan Lamb scored a defiant 70 from 95 balls, the last five wickets fell for 22.

Happily for Gloucestershire, Courtney Walsh, their West Indian fast bowler — and captain — retains a healthy appetite for work despite his heavy winter schedule. He took five for 71 from 24 overs at Bristol where Somerset gained a lead of 26 thanks to Nick Folland's unbeaten 79.

Mushtaq Ahmed took three wickets as Gloucestershire, sustained by Simon Hinks with an unbeaten 63, reached 135 for four in their second innings, hoping to give Walsh enough to bowl at.

Simon Ecclestone, the captain of Durham University last year, was 80 not out when Oxford University made a cheeky declaration at 238 for three, 14 behind Nottinghamshire in the Parks. He followed up by trapping Paul Pollard leg-before and having Tim Robinson caught behind.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Faurie draws solace from El Lute victory

EMILE Faurie, of Britain, whose best horse, the injured Virtu, is doubtful for the grand prix at the Addington international dressage meeting today, gained some compensation yesterday when he and El Lute won the Prix St Georges (Jenny MacArthur writes). Faurie and El Lute, Katarina Ostborn's Hanoverian gelding, finished four marks ahead of Joanna Jackson, on Mester Mouse. Jackson, who won the Prix St Georges at Goodwood two years ago, lost marks for an error during the canterwork. "My mind just went blank," the former event rider said.

Lizzie Loriston-Clarke and a horse she bred, Catherston Dutch Bid, achieved their best result at this level by finishing third. Her mother, Jennie Loriston-Clarke, finished third on Catherston Dazzler in the Intermediaire II.

RESULTS: Prix St Georges: 1, El Lute (E Faure, GB) 1,248pts; 2, Mester Mouse (J Jackson, GB) 1,242; 3, Catherston Dutch Bid (L Loriston-Clarke, GB) 1,239. Intermediaire II: 1, Fable (A Holsters Bel) 1,229; 2, Arnoldo Thor (D D'Esmo, Fr) 1,216; 3, Catherston Dazzler (J Loriston-Clarke, GB) 1,214.

Legal threat recedes

SHINTY: Lochaber Camanachd announced yesterday that they had decided not to proceed with their court action against the Camanachd Association to obtain an injunction to prevent the first of this year's semi-finals in the Scottish championship from going ahead at Oban today (Coll Macdougall writes).

The dispute arose over Lochaber's failure to fulfil their quarter-final replay in the Glenmorangie Camanachd Cup ten days ago, after which they were excluded from the competition. A club spokesman said that they had drawn back from court action because of the costs involved and the contents of a letter from Ken Thomson, the president of the sport's governing body.

Scots survive protest

SQUASH: Scotland yesterday survived a protest from Sweden, clearing the way for them to pursue their aim of finishing ahead of England, the defending champions, for the first time in the qualifying rounds of the European team championships at Zoetermeer, in Holland. The Swedes protested after losing 3-1. The Scots had arrived ten minutes late for the match because they had been to the wrong court. In the women's championship, England defeated Spain for their seventeenth consecutive victory in Europe and seem certain to qualify for the semi-finals.

Bowls move protest

BOWLS: The inclusion of Jan Woodley, the women's world champion, in the men's world indoor singles championship at Preston next winter has prompted protests from the World Bowls Players' Association (WBPA). "Women should be an integral part of bowling, competing where appropriate on equal terms, not by dint of a token invitation," David McGill, the WBPA secretary, said. John Price, the 1990 world indoor singles champion, said women should qualify in play-offs against men. "Otherwise, they are in for novelty value and that's demeaning to them and to the event."

Garside into last eight

REAL TENNIS: Alex Garside, the former world doubles champion, reached the quarter-finals of the George Wimpey British open women's championship by defeating Claire Southwell in straight sets. Garside will play the only professional in the event, Mandy Happell, of Australia. Katrina Allen, the former British Open champion who is making a comeback, looked fluent and mobile and lost only one game in defeating Izzy Tuffnell, of Seacourt. Allen is seeded to meet the favourite, Sally Jones. Jones, the world champion, eliminated Sarah Herbert.

Miller's trophy quest

POWERBOATING: The British offshore season begins tomorrow with the first round of the six-race United Kingdom Offshore Boating Association championships at Gosport. Among 30 high-powered craft competing for the Spithead Trophy will be *Batboat*, a revolutionary four-litre craft driven by John Miller, a Londoner. He claims it embodies a breakthrough in design and, if it lives up to its billing, he and David Allenby, of Chandlers Ford, in his Class II boat, *Assagai*, should be duelling for the top honours throughout the season.

Ireland game sold out

FOOTBALL: World Cup organisers yesterday dashed the hopes of thousands of Irish and Italian supporters when their chairman, Alan Rothenberg, announced that five first-round matches were already sold out — Italy v Ireland and Norway in New York, Argentina v Greece and Nigeria in Boston and the game between Belgium and Holland in Orlando. "No more tickets will be available for these matches," Rothenberg said, adding that no individual tickets were being sold for semi-finals, the third place play-off match and the final.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Second day of four

Surrey v Worcestershire

THE OVAL: Surrey, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 258 runs ahead of Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 205 (S J Rhodes 59 not out; M A Butcher 4 for 31, M P Bicknell 4 for 41)

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Rhodes b Brinkley	12
*A J Stewart c Rhodes b Brinkley	3
G P Thorpe not out	189
D M Ward lbw b Brinkley	3
J Boiling c Rhodes b Brinkley	2
A D Brown c Curtis b Brinkley	21
A J Hollioake c Rhodes b Lampitt	123
M A Butcher c Moody b Illingworth	6
M P Bicknell c Radford b Lampitt	0
†N F Sargeant lbw b Radford	27
J E Benjamin not out	31
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 5, nb 25)	45
Total (9 wkts, 127 overs)	463

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-25, 3-33, 4-47, 5-83, 6-303, 7-320, 8-327, 9-391.

Bonus points: Surrey 8, Worcestershire 6

Umpires: P B Wight and A G T Whitehead.

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER: Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 215 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons c Lamb b Bowen	261
*N E Briers c Fordham b Taylor	13
T J Boon c Lamb b Penberthy	10
J J Whitaker c Love b Taylor	55
V J Wells c Ripley b Roberts	0
G F Smith c Ripley b Taylor	0
†P A Nixon c Fordham b Penberthy	108
G J Parsons not out	20
A R K Pierson st Ripley b Roberts	0
D J Millns st Ripley b Roberts	2
A D Mullally c Fordham b Bowen	0
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 8)	15
Total	482

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-63, 3-193, 4-198, 5-203, 6-456, 7-464, 8-479, 9-481.

BOWLING: Taylor 29-9-82-3, Bowen 28-7-90-2, Innes 10-3-33-0; Penberthy 24-3-78-2, Roberts 30-3-147-3, Bailey 11-2-45-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Simmons b Mullally	8
N A Felton c Nixon b Mullally	21
R J Bailey c Nixon b Mullally	20
*A J Lamb c Boon b Pierson	70
M B Love lbw b Pierson	27
A L Penberthy c Millns b Pierson	41
†D Ripley run out	8
K J Innes b Parsons	0
A R Roberts lbw b Parsons	6
M N Bowen c Nixon b Parsons	13
J P Taylor not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 8)	10
Total	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-46, 3-67, 4-126, 5-165, 6-202, 7-203, 8-207, 9-219.

BOWLING: Millns 10-1-45-0; Mullally 18-4-57-3; Parsons 13-5-30-3, Wells 7-2-28-0; Pierson 15-3-57-3, Simmons 1-0-5-0.

Second Innings

A Fordham not out	27
N A Felton not out	13
Extras (b 1, nb 2)	3
Total (0 wkt, 16 overs)	43

BOWLING: Mullally 4-2-12-0, Parsons 4-1-13-0, Millns 3-0-12-0; Pierson 4-1-4-0; Simmons 1-0-1-0.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 8, Northamptonshire 5

Umpires: J D Bond and M J Kitchen.

Gloucestershire v Somerset

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 109 runs ahead of Somerset

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 203 (Mushtaq Ahmed 4 for 88, A R Caddick 4 for 40)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Turner b Mushtaq	9
G D Hodgson lbw b Mushtaq	38
S G Hinks not out	63
M W Alleyne b Rose	5
A J Wright c Lathwell b Mushtaq	20
T H C Hancock not out	2
Extras (lb 8)	8
Total (4 wkts, 57 overs)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-47, 3-56, 4-109

BOWLING: Rose 11-3-39-1; van Troost 14-4-12-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 26-6-67-3, Mallender 6-3-9-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

*A N Hayhurst c Ball b Cooper	49
M N Lathwell c Russell b Walsh	2
R J Harden c Russell b Walsh	28
N A Mallender c Ball b Cooper	15
N A Folland not out	79
†R J Turner c Russell b Walsh	16
G D Rose c Wright b Walsh	0
V P Clarke c and b Smith	1
Mushtaq Ahmed c Russell b Walsh	1
A R Caddick c Hinks b Smith	5
A P van Troost c Broad b Smith	3
Extras (lb 6, nb 24)	30
Total	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-73, 3-102, 4-121, 5-173, 6-173, 7-188, 8-191, 9-221, 10-229.

BOWLING: Walsh 24-6-71-5; Cooper 18-5-42-2, Smith 18-1-68-3; Alleyne 6-1-23-0; Ball 7-2-16-0; Hancock 2-1-3-0

Bonus pts: Gloucestershire 5, Somerset 5.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (Second day of four). Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets standing, are 78 runs ahead of Essex

HAMPSHIRE First innings

T C Middleton c Gooch b Such	40
V P Terry c Hussain b Shahid	130
R A Smith lbw b Ilott	14
*†M C J Nicholas hit wicket b Shahid	68
M Keech low b Ilott	10
†A N Aymes c Gooch b Kasprowicz	9
C A Connor c and b Ilott	0
S D Udal not out	27
M J Thursfield c Hussain b Kasprowicz	0
W K M Benjamin c Garnham b Kasprowicz	0
N G Cowans b Ilott	9
Extras (b 1, lb 13)	14
Total (118.5 overs)	321

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-113, 3-251, 4-268, 5-280, 6-280, 7-282, 8-292, 9-292.

BOWLING: Ilott 34.5-7-74-4; Kasprowicz 29.5-6-83-3; Irani 19-4-64-0; Gooch 3-2-1-0; Such 20-3-49-1; Childs 5-2-30-0. Shahid 5-1-20-2.

Second Innings

C A Connor not out	0
T C Middleton not out	0
Total (0 wkts, 1 over)	0

V P Terry, R A Smith, M C J Nicholas, M Keech, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, W K M Benjamin, M J Thursfield and N G Cowans to bat.

BOWLING: Ilott 1-1-0-0.

ESSEX: First innings

*G A Gooch b Benjamin	8
P J Prichard b Cowans	6
J J B Lewis b Connor	19
N Hussain lbw b Thursfield	22
N Shahid b Connor 91	
†M A Garnham lbw b Connor	17
R C Irani c Thursfield b Cowans	6
M S Kasprowicz c Connor b Thursfield	24
M C Ilott c Aymes b Benjamin 30	
P M Such b Benjamin 4	
J H Childs not out 3	
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 2)	13
Total (93.3 overs)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-16, 3-43, 4-87, 5-87, 6-97, 7-161, 8-205, 9-219.

BOWLING: Benjamin 22-4-71-3; Cowans 13-2-42-2; Connor 20.3-7-54-3; Thursfield 17-6-31-2; Udal 21-7-34-0.

Bonus points: Hampshire 7, Essex 5.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer.

Derbyshire v Durham

CHESTERFIELD (second day of four): Derbyshire, with five first-innings wickets standing, are 406 runs behind Durham

DURHAM: First Innings

S Hutton c Krikken b DeFreitas	78
*P Bainbridge c Adams b DeFreitas	13
J I Longley not out	108
A C Cummins c Krikken b DeFreitas	1
†C W Scott not out	39
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 32)	40
Total (6 wkts dec, 153.5 overs)	625

J Wood, D A Graveney and S J E Brown did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-169, 2-359, 3-393, 4-445, 5-521, 6-531.

BOWLING: Malcolm 28-3-108-0; Cork 23-3-96-2; Wells 22-6-85-0; DeFreitas 37-1-150-4; Sladdin 43 5-8-180-0

DERBYSHIRE: First innings

*K J Barnett c Scott b Wood	69
P D Bowler c Hutton b Brown	36
C J Adams c Graveney b Cummins	27
A S Rollins c Larkins b Brown	9
M Azharuddin not out	40
C M Wells c Wood b Bainbridge	17
P A J DeFreitas not out	34
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 1, nb 18)	27
Total (6 wkts, 53.5 overs)	251

D G Cork, †K M Krikken, R W Sladdin, D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-123, 3-155, 4-165, 5-186.

BOWLING: Cummins 16-4-53-1; Wood 16-1-85-1; Brown 14-0-62-2; Bainbridge 13-3-34-1; Graveney 4-0-7-0.

Bonus points. Derbyshire 2, Durham 4

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

Other matches

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD: Yorkshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 206 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian lbw b Vaughan	57
J P Crawley c Blakey b Gough	13
N J Speak c Byas b Gough	105
N H Fairbrother c Vaughan b Gough	44
G D Lloyd c Blakey b Stemp	16
S P Titchard lbw b Stemp	6
*M Watkinson c Blakey b White	47
†W K Hegg c Vaughan b Gough	13
P J Martin not out	43
G Chapple c Grayson b Stemp	1
A A Barnett lbw b Gough	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total	354

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-135, 3-224, 4-233, 5-245, 6-252, 7-291, 8-348, 9-351

BOWLING: Gough 23-5-75-5; Robinson 20-2-65-0; White 9-1-26-1; Hartley 18-3-43-0; Stemp 39-19-59-3; Foster 7-2-28-0; Vaughan 18-4-52-1.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon b Barnett	37
M P Vaughan b Martin	4
D Byas c Hegg b Martin	36
C White c Fairbrother b Chapple	0
†R J Blakey not out	37
A P Grayson not out	27
Extras (lb 7)	7
Total (4 wkts)	148

M J Foster, P J Hartley, D Gough, R D Stemp, M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-71, 3-72, 4-99.

BOWLING: Martin 18-7-29-2; Chapple 15-7-30-1; Watkinson 14-4-27-0; Barnett 30-12-45-1; Gallian 4-0-10-0.

Umpires: V A Holder and R Julian.

Second day of three

Oxford Univ v Notts

THE PARKS (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with eight second-innings in hand, are 80 runs ahead of Oxford University

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 252 for 8 dec (J C Adams 117 not out, P Johnson 68; C J Hollins 4 for 84)

Second Innings

P R Pollard lbw b Ecclestone	10
M A Crawley not out	23
*R T Robinson c Montgomerie b Ecclestone	4
P Johnson not out	38
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	76

J C Adams, †W M Noon, M G Field-Buss, R A Pick, J A Afford, S A Sylvester, D J Pipes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-23.

BOWLING: Yeabsley 8-0-43-0; Ecclestone 9-3-17-2; Maclay 2-0-7-0; Hollins 4-1-9-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*R R Montgomerie c Noon b Afford	53
G I MacMillan c Pick b Sylvester	0
C M Gupte b Pick	46
S C Ecclestone not out	80
W S Kendall not out	42
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 4)	17
Total (3 wkts dec)	238

I J Sutcliffe, N F C Martin, C J Hollins, R S Yeabsley, C J Townsend, A W Maclay did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-100, 3-108.

BOWLING: Pick 21-4-46-1; Sylvester 17-3-38-1; Afford 18-8-46-1; Field-Buss 18-4-43-0; Crawley 7-3-18-0; Adams 5-0-21-0; Pipes 4-0-13-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and D R Shepherd.

SOUTHGATE: One-day match: New Zealand 288 for four (B A Pocock 109, M D Crowe 69, B A Young 38), England Amateur XI 149 (S J Dean 45). New Zealand won by 139 runs.

Rutherford shrugs off sore head

SOUTHGATE (55 overs): The New Zealanders beat an England Amateur XI by 139 runs

KEN Rutherford, the New Zealand captain, stormed off the field after being hit by a beamer from Alan Van Lint, the Essex seamer, at Southgate yesterday.

Rutherford, who made 34 and was batting in only a cap, said: "I've got a bad headache, but thankfully no broken bones. Perhaps it'll knock some sense into me and next time I'll wear a helmet.

"I don't want to make a big issue of it, but the bowler hasn't really apologised yet. I'm sure he will later. Out there he just said he'd tried to bowl a yorker, but there's about six feet of difference between that and what I got."

Neither Rutherford nor the limping Martin Crowe fielded as New Zealand, who scored 288 for four, completed a 139-run victory. Blair Pocock, the opener, top-scored for the tourists with 109 from 149 balls. The England Amateur XI were all out for 149.

Crowe, playing after a six-month absence because of a knee injury, made 56 at a run a ball. He was dropped on four and eight before shaking off his rustiness.

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Accident exposes Formula One's perils

Barrichello crash overshadows Senna's success

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN IMOLA, ITALY

THE hush of hope and dread fell across the circuit here yesterday as the remains of Rubens Barrichello's shattered Jordan-Hart flew around him, scattering the track with debris. It lasted far beyond the end of the first qualifying session for the San Marino Grand Prix that will take place tomorrow and so affected Ayrton Senna that his mind strayed from the task of outpacing Michael Schumacher.

Barrichello crashed at 160mph as he attempted to enter the Variante Bassa, a chicane, on his second lap of the afternoon. One of his rear wheels locked up as he prepared for the first left-hand bend and, instead of turning into the corner, he slid sideways, clipped a raised kerb, became airborne and flew over the tyre barrier into the catch-fencing.

It hurled his car back on to the grass and it fell apart, his wheels flying off at various angles. Barrichello, the youngest driver in Formula One at 21 and a protegé of Senna, his countryman, was flung around in the cockpit like a rag doll and was knocked unconscious by the force of the impact.

The session was delayed for 25 minutes while he was eased from the wreckage of his car, tended by doctors, lifted on to a stretcher and taken by ambulance to the track medical centre. It seemed he could not have escaped without serious injury, but he suffered only cuts to his face, caused by the impact of a wheel on his helmet, a broken nose, and concussion.

Barrichello, who finished on the podium for the first time in the last race, the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida, Japan, and has been tipped as a future world champion, was later transferred to a Bologna hospital for further treatment. He could remember nothing about the accident and it is unlikely he will be allowed to compete in the race tomorrow.

"I don't know what happened, but I think I was quick," Barrichello joked afterwards. "I feel okay. It is just a bit difficult to breathe because of my nose and my hand hurts a bit. I'm off to play with the nurses now and I'll be back tomorrow."

The crash seemed to drain the rest of the drivers of confidence. A dozen of them, including Schumacher, Senna and Damon Hill, spun at various points, a testament too, to the difficulties some are having adjusting to life without traction control and to the limits to which all are pushing themselves in a season that is touching thrilling heights of competitiveness. Hill, who could finish only seventh because of mechanical problems with his Williams-Renault, said the crash was "horrific". Martin Brundle, who also spun into a wall, added: "It is a driver's worst nightmare when the car takes off, because there is absolutely nothing you can do."

Senna still claimed provisional pole position by nearly 0.5sec from Schumacher's Benetton-Ford, setting a new qualifying record and capitalising on the power advantage afforded by his Williams' Renault engine. Yet he seemed the most deeply affected by the accident, the most serious here since Gerhard Berger's in 1989 and a salutory reminder of the sudden perils of this sport.

Senna went to see Barrichello before climbing back in his car to produce a performance that bodes well for his chances of reducing the 20-point lead Schumacher has already established over him.

"It was a chaotic session," Senna said. "It was an excellent result for me, but I cannot really feel happy after what happened. I should have gone quicker but I could not concentrate properly after Rubens' accident.

"The wind was blowing strongly, which affected the way the car handled going into that corner and you never knew what to expect. When you touch the kerb that he touched at high speed, for sure you are going to fly. It is not the first time that has happened.

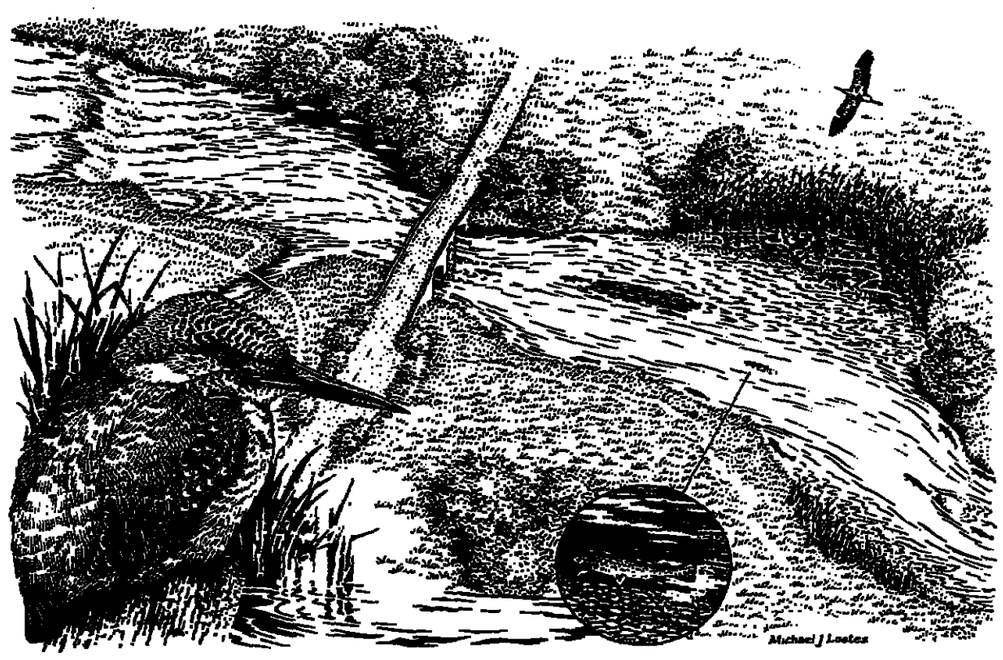
"There are no small accidents here."

LEADING PROVISIONAL QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, A Senna (Br) Williams, 1mn 21.548sec; 2, M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton, 1:22.016; 3, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 1:22.113; 4, J Lehto (Fin) Benetton, 1:22.717; 5, N Larini (It) Ferrari, 1:22.841; 6, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber, 1:23.118; 7, D Hill (GB) Williams, 1:23.199; 8, M Häkkinen (Fin) McLaren, 1:23.611; 9, G Morbidelli (It) Arrows, 1:23.693; 10, M Blundel (GB) Tyrrell, 1:23.703; 11, K Wendlinger (Austria) Sauber, 1:23.788; 12, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell, 1:24.000; 13, P Martini (It) Minardi, 1:24.078; 14, M Alboreto (It) Minardi, 1:24.276; 15, M Brundle (GB) McLaren, 1:24.449; 16, C Fittipaldi (Br) Arrows, 1:24.655; 17, E Bernard (Fr) Ligier, 1:24.678; 18, O Panis (Fr) Ligier, 1:24.986; 19, J Herbert (GB) Lotus, 1:25.114; 20, A de Cesaris (It) Jordan, 1:25.234.



Senna turns his attention to steering wheels before yesterday's practice at Imola

Places where trout prefer to lie



Michael J Loates

To the untutored eye, one reach of river can look very like another, yet most of the water will be devoid of fish and a few places may harbour many trout. To be able to identify the lies holding fish, it is necessary to understand what any fish in a river is seeking.

Trout in rivers need sufficient food to sustain them and to help them to grow, they need to expend as little energy as possible in waiting for and acquiring this food and they need to minimise the chances of being attacked or eaten.

These needs are met in places where the current gathers food from a wide area and channels it into a narrow area, in places requiring little effort to rest in, alongside this concentrated food, and in places that have a bolt-hole nearby, in case danger threatens.

Where none of these features is present, there will be no fish or, at least, no fish of significant size for the river. Where a couple are present, some fish will be found at least some of the time. Where all three come together, there will certainly be trout, often big trout, sometimes many.

All other things being equal, most food is channelled to the outside of bends. Because the main force of the current is channelled into the outside of a bend, the bank and the river bed there are constantly being scoured and eaten away. The eating away creates deep water and irregularities in the stream channel in which fish can comfortably lie. So the outsides of bends mean fish.

Where such a bend has trees growing over it to provide shade and an added sense of security, then there, most likely, will be the best fish in the reach.

In general, the insides of bends can be ignored; they get little food and the slower current there drops silt. Silt and no food mean shallow, fish-less water.

Places where side-streams enter, bringing in extra food and sometimes wearing a deeper channel in the bed of the main stream, are often good holding places. Likewise places where a river narrows. Narrow banks mean deeper and faster water and concentrated food. Trout will lie here or, if the water is extremely fast, at the place where the stream widens again. Bridges are normally built over the narrower parts of a river and provide an added sense of security. Bridges, likewise, usually attract trout.

The turbulence that water makes where it hits the upstream rim of a waterfall eats a groove into the river bed. Fish can lie comfortably in such a place and will often lie side by side in it. Trout will also be found downstream of a fall where the stream bed begins to lift again — and in the back-eddies that often form in the edges below falls. Because water in such back-eddies is travelling in the opposite direction to the main flow, the fish that lie in them will appear to be facing downstream. Any cast should take account of this.

Any object that rises abruptly from the stream bed in a good flow causes the water to hesitate before it is deflected either side. Trout can rest in comfort on this hesitating pad of water. As a consequence, fish can be expected directly ahead of bridge supports, rocks, weedbeds, old posts and piling and the like. Weedbeds in open water may also have fish under them.

One of the subtlest ways to find a fish is to look near or slightly upstream of a light patch on the river bed. Light patches, where the silt and algae have been washed away, are sometimes the product of turbulence created by irregularities on the bottom. Sometimes, too, they are created or accentuated by the presence of a trout in a given place over a period of time: the movement of the fish and the slight turbulence its presence makes can clean a patch so completely that it shines like a semaphore in the dark.

Concentration on these few areas and, if they are visible, study of how the trout in them behave, will bring rich rewards. It will also save much time spent angling where there are no fish.

How to find fish on lakes



THE FLYFISHER AS DETECTIVE

by Brian Clarke

Blackheath runners prepare to complete club treble

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

NEXT week being one of celebration, as the fortieth anniversary of Sir Roger Bannister's first sub four-minute mile approaches, there could be no more appropriate winner today of the AAA of England 12-stage road relay than Blackheath Harriers, whose officials will be straight on the telephone to Sydney Wooderson, one of Bannister's predecessors as mile world record-holder, should a rare national treble be completed.

Blackheath need to win at Sutton Park, Birmingham, to become the first southern team to hold the three main club running trophies simultaneously. In 25 years since the national six-stage relay was inaugurated, to complement the 12-stage and the national cross country, the feat has been achieved only three times, twice by Tipton Harriers and once by Gateshead Harriers.

Wooderson, 79 and living in Dorset, has been kept in touch with Blackheath's best season in its 126-year history and will be the oldest of 13 former mile world record-holders in London next Friday to celebrate the Bannister milestone.

Until this winter, Blackheath had never won a meaningful national club title. Even with Wooderson, their best was third in the cross country.

"They take it more seriously now," Wooderson said yesterday. Seriousness means Blackheath spending pre-race night in a hotel and criticising the authorities for failing to notify clubs that the race had been switched from its traditional slot on the fourth Saturday in April to the fifth. Thus two Blackheath men — Bill Foster and Darrell Smith — are unavailable.

The 12-stage traditionally sees most of Britain's best 5,000 and 10,000 metres runners serving their clubs. Where better for organisers of a new event, the Halloween Run, on October 30, to canvass entries for the richest ten kilometres in Britain, with £10,000 for the first man and woman.

High-goal standard requires deep pockets

John Watson looks forward to another highly-competitive season in polo, a sport enjoying increasing popularity

BRITISH polo has shown a remarkable expansion in recent years. In 1990, for example, the Hurlingham Association had 23 clubs and 950 players on its books; now there are 36 clubs, with 1,360 players on the handicap lists. More than 100 teams from the Pony Club have been competing in its championships during the past few years, while the game has recently come into the curriculum at some schools, there being 14 entries for the 1994 inter-schools contest.

At the top level of the game this season, we are likely to see 15 high-goal squads challenging for the Queen's Cup, at the Guards Club, the Prince of Wales Trophy (Royal Berkshire), the Warwickshire Cup (Cirencester) and the British Open (Cowdray Park). Those so far registered are the American Brook Johnson's C S Brooks, Kerry Packer's Ellerston White and Ellerston Black, the Swiss Max Gottschalk's Les Lions, Galen Weston's Maple Leafs and the German Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears, along with Lord Cowdray's team, Cowdray Park, Hubert Perrodo's Labegorce, Hannes Huhnlein's Franken, Doug Matthews' Aspen Polo, Sheikh Alhamrani's Royal Pahang, Robert Hanson's Bulldogs, Bill Bond-Elliott's Aston Martin, Martin Gruss's Pegasus and Lucas White's Indio. Most of these patrons will also have quartets playing in the Hurlingham Association's medium-goal matches.

The top Latin-American players — Memo and Carlos Gracida from Mexico; Gabriel Donoso, from Chile; and Picci Alberdi, Benjamin Araya, Gustavo Courreges, Horacio and Marcos Heguy, Pite and Sebastian Merlos, Gonzalo Pieres, Ernesto Trotz and Julio Zavaleta, from Argentina — will be appearing alongside Britain's leading players — Howard Hipwood (handicap eight), Julian Hipwood and Alan Kent (7) and Lord Charles Beresford, Andrew Hine and James and William Lucas, all on six.

Although there is no financial reward for tournament victors, as such, many of the hired professionals are paid according to the successes of their teams, rather than on a flat rate for the season. One result of this is that challenges at the high and medium-goal levels have become increasingly fiercely fought, sometimes dangerously so, which demands ever-more vigilant and strict umpiring. Martin Trotter, the chief umpire, a stern disciplinarian, who has done much to bolster this aspect of the game, has signed up two professional umpires from abroad for this season, while the Hurlingham Association recently introduced a grading committee for umpires.

Polo is as much about ponies as it is about players and it seems that the New Zealand market is, at last, nearly as strong as that of Argentina. Good chukka ponies sell for around £2,000 apiece but those of the top calibre are going for anything from £10,000 to £40,000. Some patrons stable 30 or 40 while Packer has well over 100. After expressions of concern about the welfare of ponies, a committee under the chairmanship of Lord Patrick Beresford was appointed last year and produced a considerable improvement at the clubs.

The high point of the British season during the past 20 years has been the Hurlingham Association's international day. This season, sponsored by Cartier, it will be held at the Guards Club on July 24, when England will play South Africa for the Coronation Cup.

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

* all-ticket match

FA Carling Premiership

Arsenal v West Ham
Leeds v Everton
Liverpool v Norwich
Manchester City v Chelsea
Oldham v Sheffield Wednesday
QPR v Swindon
* Sheff Utd v Newcastle
* Southampton v Aston Villa
Wimbledon v Tottenham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	36	25	10	4	76	37	85
Blackburn	40	25	8	7	82	34	83
Newcastle	40	22	8	10	80	39	74
Arsenal	40	18	17	5	53	24	71
Leeds	39	16	15	8	55	37	63
Wimbledon	40	17	11	12	52	49	62
Sheff Wed	39	16	13	10	73	51	61
Liverpool	40	17	9	14	58	52	60
QPR	39	15	11	13	59	57	56
Aston Villa	40	14	12	14	43	45	54
Norwich	40	11	16	13	63	60	49
Coventry	39	12	13	14	39	43	49
Chelsea	39	12	11	16	43	47	47
West Ham	39	12	11	16	42	55	47
Man City	40	9	16	15	35	46	43
Tottenham	39	10	12	17	50	55	42
Ipswich	40	9	15	16	34	56	42
Everton	40	11	8	21	39	58	41
Southampton	39	11	6	22	42	60	39
Sheff Utd	39	7	17	15	37	56	38
Oldham	38	9	10	19	40	64	37
Swindon	40	4	15	21	44	94	27

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Coleraine, Bangor v Ards; Crusaders v Cliftonville; Distillery v Newry; Glenavon v Portadown; Larne v Carrick; Linfield v Glentoran; Omagh Town v Ballyclare.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton Ferry v Bangor; Caersws v Aberystwyth; Conwy v Llanelli; Ebbw Vale v Cornish's Quay; Flint Town Utd v Cwmbran; Holywell v Haverfordwest; Inter Cardiff v Newtown; Llansantffraid v Afan Lido; Maesteg Park v Mold; Porthmadog v Ton Pentre.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Colwyn Bay; Boston Utd v Accrington Stanley; Bridlington Town v Leek; Buxton v Bishop Auckland; Chorley v Whitley Bay; Horwich v Emley; Hyde v Fleetwood; Knowsley Utd v Frickley; Marine v Droylsden; Matlock v Morecambe. First division: Caernarfon Town v Farsley Celtic; Eastwood Town v Curzon Ashton; Gt Harwood Town v Worksop Town; Harrogate Town v Gretna; Lancaster City v Spennymoor Utd; Workington v Guiseley.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CHALLENGE CUP FINAL: Sussex v West Riding (at Valley Parade).

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

Barnsley v Wolverhampton
Bolton v Birmingham
Bristol C v Oxford Utd
Leicester v Stoke
Luton v Southend
Millwall v Bristol City
Notts County v Charlton
Peterborough v Nottingham Forest
Sunderland v Tranmere
Watford v Portsmouth
West Bromwich Albion v Grimsby

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	44	26	9	9	70	42	87
Notts Forest	43	22	12	9	66	45	78
Tranmere	44	21	9	14	66	48	72
Leicester	43	19	13	11	68	56	70
Millwall	43	18	16	10	57	49	69
Derby	44	19	11	14	66	63	68
Notts County	44	20	7	17	61	64	67
Wolves	43	17	15	11	58	43	66
Stoke	44	18	11	15	54	56	65
Middlesbrough	44	17	13	14	56	49	64
Charlton	43	18	7	18	53	49	61
Sunderland	43	16	8	19	48	52	60
Bristol City	43	15	15	13	42	45	60
Portsmouth	44	15	13	16	52	56	58
Grimsby	43	13	18	12	52	46	57
Southend	44	16	7	21	58	63	55
Bolton	42	14	12	16	57	58	54
Barnsley	43	14	7	22	50	64	49
Watford	44	13	9	22	63	80	48
Luton	42	13	9	20	49	53	48
Birmingham	44	12	11	21	48	67	47
Oxford Utd	44	12	10	22	51	72	46
West Brom	43	11	12	20	56	66	45
Peterborough	44	8	13	23	45	69	37

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Bashley; Cheltenham v Solihull; Corby Town v Farnborough; Crawley Town v Atherstone; Dorchester v Halesowen; Gresley Rovers v Gloucester; Hednesford v Hastings; Moor Green v Nuneaton; Stamgbourne v Burton; Trowbridge v Chelmsford; Worcester v Weston-super-Mare. First division: Armitage v Whitehaven; Midland division: Armitage v RC Warwick; Bridgnorth Town v Leicester Utd; Grantham Town v Bilston Town; Hinckley Town v Clevedon Town; Newport AFC v Dudley Town; Redditch Utd v Forest Green Rovers; Rushden and Diamonds v Evesham Utd; Tamworth v VS Rugby; Weston-super-Mare v King's Lynn; Yate Town v Sutton Coldfield Town. Southern division: Baldock Town v Poole Town; Braintree Town v Newport IOW; Buckingham Town v Margate, Dunstable v Salisbury City; Erith and Belvedere v Witney Town; Fareham Town v Tonbridge AFC; Fisher 93 v Gravesend and Northfleet; Havant Town v Sudbury Town; Wealdstone v Burnham; Weymouth v Canterbury City

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Swindon v Crystal Palace.

Second division

Barnet v York
* Bristol Rovers v Stockport
Burnley v Brentford
Cardiff v Cambridge Utd
Fulham v Rotherham
* Huddersfield v Blackpool
Hull v Bournemouth
Leyton Orient v Swansea
Plymouth v Bradford
Port Vale v Exeter
Reading v Brighton
Wrexham v Hartlepool

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	44	25	11	8	78	42	86
Stockport	43	23	11	9	71	42	80
Plymouth	44	23	10	11	77	54	79
Port Vale	43	23	10	10	70	44	79
York	44	20	11	13	60	38	71
Burnley	44	20	10	14	74	53	70
Hull	44	18	12	14	61	59	66
Bristol Rovers	44	19	9	16	56	57	66
Bradford	43	17	13	13	56	49	64
Cambridge U	44	18	9	17	71	68	63
Brighton	44	15	14	15	59	62	59
Huddersfield	44	15	14	15	54	59	59
Wrexham	44	16	10	18	63	78	58
Brentford	44	15	13	16	52	59	58
Rotherham	44	15	12	17	62	58	57
Swansea	44	15	12	17	53	65	57
Cardiff	43	13	15	15	68	67	54
Leyton Orient	44	13	14	17	54	68	53
Bournemouth	44	13	14	17	48	57	53
Blackpool	44	15	5	24	59	72	50
Fulham	44	13	10	21	46	61	49
Exeter	43	10	12	21	47	77	42
Hartlepool	44	9	9	26	40	77	36
Barnet	43	5	12	26	38	80	27

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield Utd v Cleethorpes; Eccleshill Utd v Brigg Town; Hucknall Town v Denaby Utd; Lincoln Utd v Belper Town; Maltby MW v Sheffield; North Ferriby Utd v Glasshoughton Welfare; Pickering Town v Armthorpe Welfare; Stocksbridge P S v Pontefract Col; Thackley v Ossett Town; Winterton Rangers v Liversedge.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Whitby Town; Chester-le-Street v Hebburn, Consett v Stockton; Dunston FB v Tow Law Town; Ferryhill Athletic v Blyth Spartans; Murton v Northallerton Town; West Auckland v Newcastle Blue Star.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham Town v Frome Town; Credition Utd v Torrington; Elmore v Paulton Rovers; Liskeard Athletic v Westbury Utd; Mangotsfield Utd v Exmouth Town; Minehead v Odd Down; Saltash Utd v Bideford; Taunton Town v Calne Town.

Third division

Bury v Rochdale
Colchester v Doncaster
Crewe v Wycombe
Hereford v Torquay (12.0)
Lincoln v Walsall
Mansfield v Darlington
* Northampton v Chester
Preston v Carlisle
Scarborough v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe v Shrewsbury
Wigan v Gillingham

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury	39	21	12	6	56	36	75
Chester	40	21	11	8	68	43	74
Wycombe	40	19	12	9	65	50	69
Crewe	40	19	10	11	76	59	67
Preston	40	18	12	10	78	58	66
Torquay	40	16	15	9	60	54	63
Chesterfield	40	15	13	12	50	47	58
Rochdale	40	15	12	13	60	48	57
Walsall	40	16	9	15	46	50	57
Scunthorpe	40	14	14	12	60	60	56
Carlisle	39	15	10	14	50	41	55
Bury	40	14	11	15	55	54	53
Scarborough	40	15	7	18	54	58	52
Mansfield	40	14	10	16	51	59	52
Gillingham	40	12	14	14	43	48	50
Doncaster	40	13	10	17	42	54	49
Colchester	40	12	10	18	53	68	46
Lincoln	40	12	10	18	50	60	46
Hereford	40	12	5	23	58	76	41
Wigan	40	10	11	19	49	70	41
Northampton	40	8	11	21	43	62	35
Darlington	40	8	11	21	38	64	35

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Halifax
Bromsgrove v Bath
Gateshead v Dover
Macclesfield v Yeovil
Runcorn v Kettering
Slough v Southport
Stafford v Merthyr
Telford v Northwich
Welling v Kidderminster
Witton v Woking

Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee
Dundee Utd v St Johnstone
Hibernian v Hearts
Motherwell v Kilmarnock
Partick v Raith
Rangers v Celtic

First division

Ayr v Clyde
Clydebank v Dumbarton
Dunfermline v Brechin
Hamilton v Airdrie
Morton v St Mirren
Stirling v Falkirk

Second division

Albion v Alloa
Berwick v Stenhousemuir
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
East Fife v Arbroath
Forfar v Stranraer
Montrose v Meadowbank
Queen of the South v East Stirling

Diadora League
Premier division

Enfield v Dulwich
Harrow v Marlow
Hitchin v Yeading
Kingstonian v Sutton Utd
OTHER MATCHES: Aylesbury v Grays; Bromley v St Albans; Carshalton v Molesey; Dorking v Hendon; Hayes v Basingstoke; Wivenhoe v Chesham; Wokingham v Stevenage Borough.
First division: Barking v Hayeridge Swifts; Berkhamsted Town v Maidenhead Utd; Bishops Stortford v Leyton; Chelmsford City v Purfleet; Croydon v Abingdon Town; Purfleet v Wembley; Ruislip Manor v Bognor Regis Town; Staines Town v Walton and Hersham; Tooting and Mitcham v Uxbridge; Windsor and Eton v Boreham Wood; Worthing v Billericay Town. Second division: Aveley v Aldershot Town; Chertsey Town v Metropolitan Police; Edgware Town v Saffron Walden Town, Hampton v Hemel Hempstead; Lewes v Barton Rovers; Malden Vale v Leatherhead; Newbury Town v Collier Row; Thame Utd v Rainham Town.

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FA Carling Premiership
* Ipswich v Manchester United (4.0)
Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace
GM Vauxhall Conference
Stalybridge v Dag and Red (11.30)
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Larkhall Athletic v Ottery St Mary. Les Phillips Cup: Semi-final: Liskeard Athletic v Taunton Town.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum, final day of four
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Durham
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northants
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
Other matches
11.30 to 6.30, second day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.
One-day matches
ARUNDEL: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v New Zealanders.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Berkshire Trophy (The Berkshire). Lytham Trophy (Royal Lytham).
HOCKEY: Hockey Association Youth Cup. Pool matches. Under-18 (Cannock HC, 10.0). under-16 (Birmingham University, 10.0).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).
SWIMMING: Speedo British Grand Prix Final (Cardiff)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Ottershaw).
Tilbury v Hungerford Town, Ware v Banstead Athletic; Witham v Egham Town
Third division: Bracknell Town v Northwood; Cove v Southall, East Thurrock Utd v Leighton Town; Epsom and Ewell v Kingsbury Town, Feltham and Hounslow B v Horsham, Flackwell Heath v Oxford City, Hereford Utd v Harlow Town; Hertford Town v Hornchurch; Royston Town v Camberley Town, Tring Town v Clapton.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum, third day of four
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Durham
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northants
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
Other matches
11.0, third day of four
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancs v Yorks
11.30 to 6.30, final day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford Univ v Notts
11.30 to 6.30, first day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Hove: Sussex v Nottinghamshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup Final
Leeds v Wigan
(at Wembley, 2 30)

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs' Championship
First division
Bristol v Leicester
Harlequins v Gloucester
London Irish v Bath
Northampton v Newcastle Gosforth
Orrell v Wasps
Second division
Moseley v Rugby
Nottingham v Waterloo
Saracens v London Scottish
Wakefield v Otley
West Hartlepool v Sale
Third division
Coventry v Redruth
Exeter v Bedford
Fylde v Morley
Havant v Blackheath
Rosslyn Park v Richmond
Fourth division
Askeans v Sudbury
Broughton Park v Leeds
Harrogate v Aspatria
Liverpool St Helens v Sheffield
Plymouth v Clifton
Fifth divison North
Bradford and Bingley v Kendal
Heineken National League
2.30 kick-off
First division
Aberavon v Pontypridd
Cardiff v Swansea
Cross Keys v Pontypool
Dunvant v Bridgend
Llanelli v Neath
Newbridge v Newport
Second division
Llanharan v Llandovery
Maesteg v Tenby United
Narberth v Glamorgan Wnders
Penarth v Abertillery
South Wales Police v Ebbw Vale
Treorchy v Mountain Ash
Alloa Brewery Cup
Semi-finals
Dundee HSFP v Stewart's Melville FP (at Meggetland)
Stirling County v Boroughmuir (at Bumbrae)
Club matches
Berry Hill v Worcester
Birmingham and Solihull v Birkenhead Park
Lichfield v Westleigh
Lydney v Walsall
Nuneaton v Met Police
Stoke-on-Trent v Stafford
Stourbridge v Bridgwater and Albion
Weston-super-Mare v Ealing

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals (at Wembley Arena): Derby v Worthing (7.15). Guildford v Manchester (9 15).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Berkshire Trophy (The Berkshire) Lytham Trophy (Royal Lytham)
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Ottershaw)

MARC ASPLAND



Silver Wisp, left, belies his 20-1 odds by holding off the French raider Apple Tree in the Madagans Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket

Nicholson eyes Ascot with shock winner

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE ritual may be familiar to Adrian Maguire, but it is not often that Michael Hills is frog-marched to the weighing room and ushered onto the scales. That is the way of David Nicholson, the champion jumps trainer-elect who shocked his contemporaries on the Flat when saddling Silver Wisp to a 20-1 victory in the group two Madagans Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Fresh from a recent reversal at Pontefract, Silver Wisp battled through to head Talented a furlong out before repelling the somewhat half-hearted challenge of the favourite, Apple Tree, by a head. His victory offered the horse's owners, Bill and Shirley Robins, partial compensation for the loss of their outstanding chasing prospect, Baydon Star, who was put down after a fall at Ayr two weeks ago.

Nicholson, who had his first ride here as a 12-year-old in 1951, could scarcely believe it. "My mouth's gone dry on me," he admitted. "If Tommy Stack, a jumping man at heart, can win the 1,000 Guineas then I thought I could do it too. Mark my words, this is a good horse."

Nicholson intended to run Silver Wisp, third in the Derby two years ago, in the two-mile novice hurdle at Aintree but was unable to hone the five-year-old to his satisfaction. Now, the morning suits are to get an airing when the gelding tackles the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The inherent flaws within the Derby entry structure were exposed after Alriffa pounded to a ten-length victory in the listed Newmarket Stakes over ten furlongs, humbling the Blue Riband credentials of some widely-touted horses in the process. The last opportunity to enter the Epsom classic lapsed last month, so we are now faced with the absurd prospect of watching what appears to be our best colt compete on foreign soil.

The entry structure for the Derby may be a complicated mechanism, but a supplementary entry stage, five days before the race, simply has to be introduced. The primary concern must surely be to allow the best horses the opportunity to take part.

Board seeks new Derby sponsor

BY RICHARD EVANS

A BOARD set up to run Epsom, Sandown and Kempton racecourses met for the first time yesterday — and one of its priorities is to seek a new sponsor for the Derby.

Ever Ready, which provides more than £500,000 for the Derby meeting, ends its association with the race this year. With the marketing budgets of major companies being decided by autumn, finding a new backer is paramount.

Christopher Sporborg, a member of the Jockey Club and deputy chairman of Hambros, is the new chairman of United Racecourses (UR) following its recent acquisition by Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), the Jockey Club subsidiary. Tim Neligan and Michael Wiggin, who were both on the old UR board, join Sporborg, along with David Hillyard, managing director of RHT.

Hillyard said: "We were keen that the new chairman of UR should be a successful businessman who also had an involvement with racing. If you go outside racing, there is such a huge learning curve."

No changes to the Derby or the management of UR will be carried out until an in-depth review has been conducted by Hillyard, assisted by Edward Gillespie, managing director at Cheltenham.

"I have consistently said that we would not prejudge issues and would not make sweeping changes just for the sake of it. The purpose of the review is to have a thorough look at the business and come up with recommendations," Hillyard said.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (7f) 1, RISE UP SINGING (Mrs J Musson, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Mahool (Miss T Bracegirdle, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Rory (Mrs J Crossley, 16-1). 4, Latin Leader (Miss V Snowdon, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 9 Blockade, Bold Habit, Tyrone Flyer, 10 Full Feather, 12 Captain Jack, Knobbleeneeze, Mad Welcome, 16 Anniversaire, Pusey Street Boy (5th), 20 Arawa, Flying Wind, Princely Favour, Southern Memories, 33 Kissavos (6th), Workingforpeanuts, 66 Tribal. 20 ran. Nk, 1¼l, ¾l, ¾l, sh hd. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £1.50, £5.10, £5.70. DF: £10.30. Trio: £359.20. CSF: £27.30. Tricast: £304.17. 1min 26.82sec.

2.35 (1m 2f) 1, ALRIFFA (J Reid, 4-1). 2, Darnay (L Dettori, 9-2). 3, Shepton Mallet (R Cochrane, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Concordial (5th), 9 Fiond (4th), 11 Ionio (6th). 6 ran. 10l, 1¼l, ½l, 2½l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £7.00; £2.50, £1.90. DF: £12.00. CSF: £19.19. 2min 02.38sec.

3.05 (1m) 1, MIDNIGHT LEGEND (J Reid, 14-1). 2, Fawran (L Dettori, 13-2). 3, Three In One (W R Swinburn, 13-2). 4, Tondres (M Roberts, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Devotee, 9 Amdily, 10 Southern Power, 12 Arc, Pnb (6th), 14 Blair Castle, West Euvonit (5th), 16 Greenback, 25 Dancing Lawyer, Leap Of Faith, 33 Mr Devious, Sparkling Lyric, Swinging Sadies, 40 Absolutely Fayre. 18 ran. 1¼l, 2l, 3l, 3l, 1¼l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £20.20; £4.60, £4.30, £2.10, £10.20. DF: £108.40. Trio: £161.60. CSF: £35.41. Tricast: £603.72. 1min 38.19sec.

3.40 (1m 4f) 1, SILVER WISP (M Hills, 20-1). 2, Apple Tree (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav). 3, Bobzao (M J Kinane, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Sharcck (5th), 10 Red Bishop (6th), Talented (4th), 14 Dana Springs, 50 Brightside. 8 ran. NR: Right Win. Hd, 1¼l, hd, 1l, 3½l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £22.00; £2.60, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £19.90. Trio: £48.80. CSF: £39.86. 2min 31.37sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, SPIN DOCTOR (C Hodgson, 3-1). 2, Glide Path (M Hills, 5-4 fav). 3, Ballet Prince (W R Swinburn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Korkura (4th). 4 ran. ½l, 14l, 3l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.73. 2min 32.44sec.

4.50 (5f) 1, SOCA KING (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, My Lady Brady (Stephen Davies, 20-1). 3, Don't Look Now (R Cochrane, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Rezibelle, 8 Caddy's First, Vintage Taittinger, 12 School Mum, 16 Ultra Beet, 20 Dolly Face (5th), Mr Lowry (6th), Young Rose, 33 Singleton Barn, Square Comer (4th). 13 ran. 1¼l, 1l, 1¾l, hd, ½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £5.30, £4.20. DF: £55.40. CSF: £39.17. 1min 00.96sec.

5.20 (1m) TOM MORGAN (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav) beat Green Jannat (W R Swinburn, 11-8). 2 ran. 5l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £1.40. 1min 51.14sec.

Jackpot: not won (Pool of £31,686.48 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £311.10.

Hamilton Park

Going: good to soft (good in places).

2.15 (5f 4yd) 1, CRONK'S COURAGE (K Fallon, 9-4 fav). 2, My Cherrywell (J Fortune, 25-1); 3, So Superb (J Weaver, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pine Ridge Lad (4th), 5 Panther (5th), 12 Lincstone Boy (6th), 33 Silver Stone Boy. 7 ran. 1¼l, sh hd, 5l, nk, 7l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £2.90; £2.00, £3.10. DF: £23.40. CSF: £36.50.

2.45 (5f 4yd) 1, SUNDAY MAIL TOO (J Carroll, 11-4 fav). 2, Three Arch Bridge (J Weaver, 6-1). 3, Achill Princess (J Lowe, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Deardaw (5th), Rosmoycue Star (6th), 7 Sky Dancer (4th). 6 ran. ¾l, ½l, nk, 9l, 8l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £3.00. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.51.

3.20 (5f 4yd) 1, MUZZ (J Weaver, 13-8 fav); 2, Allegsnobrain (K Darley, 5-1). 3, Lochon (S Webster, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Hiltons Travel (4th), 12 Pastures New (6th), Portée Sophie (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 4l, nk, 2¾l, 15l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.98.

3.55 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, SWEET CITY (Mr R Hale, 3-1); 2, Grey Commander (Mr M Knealsey, 20-1); 3, Charmed Life (Mr A Michael, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Daring King (4th), 8 Rapid Mover, 11 Family Line, 20 Bilberry (5th), 50 Shikari Kid (6th). 8 ran. 3l, ¾l, 3l, 10l, 4l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £3.70; £2.50, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £26.70. CSF: £44.49. Tricast: £203.51.

4.30 (1m 65yd) 1, THE HAPPY LOON (Dean McKeown, 5-1); 2, Lancashire Life (J Quinn, 9-2); 3, Daring Destiny (A Clark, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Lunar Mission, 11-2 Distinctive Air, 6 Wild Rose Of York, 16 Palacegate Jo (4th), 20 River Junction (6th), Storm Heights (5th). 9 ran. 1½l, 1¾l, 1½l, ¾l, ½l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £5.90; £1.50, £1.90, £3.80. DF: £16.30. Trio: £46.60. CSF: £25.83. Tricast: £156.64.

5.00 (1m 65yd) 1, WINN'S PRIDE (S Perks, 14-1). 2, Sweet Trentino (G Duffield, 10-1); 3, Our Bessie (M Fenton, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 St Louis Lady (4th), 6 Glenugie (5th), 10 Fructrated Poet, 12 Casual Water, Melody Dancer, 14 Wharledale Music, Woodlong, 20 Riva's Book, 33 Double Dancer (6th). 12 ran. 1½l, nk, 4l, hd, 1¼l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £27.50; £4.60, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £108.20. CSF: £150.61.

5.35 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, PUBLIC WAY (M Fenton, 8-1), 2, Star Rage (J Weaver, 7-1); 3, Marowins (J Quinn, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Barley Cake (5th), 4 Shargress (6th), 12 Grand Vitesse (4th), 14 Phinic, 20 Dances With Gold, Gold Desire. 9 ran. Sh hd, ½l, 3l, sh hd, 2l. N Chamberlain at West Auckland. Tote: £25.20; £5.80, £2.50, £1.60. DF: £96.90. Trio: £39.70. CSF: £55.92. Tricast: £184.14.

Placepot: £324.60.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.25 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Cotapaxi (Miss S Mitchell, 11-2). 2, Wingspan (25-1); 3, Galagames (11-1). Murphy 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 4l, 8l. R Hodges. Tote: £8.30; £1.90, £4.90, £4.90. DF: £62.50. Trio: £123.80. CSF: £102.19. Tricast: £1,325.20.

2.55 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dancing Dancer (R Darke, 6-4 fav). 2, Valianthe (6-1). 3, Almost A Princess (9-1). 7 ran. 2l, 1¼l. R Frost. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £11.41.

3.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Skerry Meadow (Mr G Hogan, 5-2); 2, Sketcher (11-2). Slipping Tim 11-8 fav. 4 ran. NR: Bonsai Bud. 2l. O Carter. Tote: £4.00. DF: £10.10. CSF: £12.86. Only two finished.

4.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Teen Jay (J Osborne, 2-1). 2, Merlins Wish (6-4 fav); 3, Vital Wonder (11-4). 12 ran. 1½l, 8l. S Sherwood. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.46.

4.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Crosula (R Dunwoody, 8-13 fav); 2, Bold Street Blues (14-1). 3, Garston La Gaffe (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Slievenamon Mist. 1¾l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £3.10, £3.20. DF: £7.20. Trio: £23.50. CSF: £10.98.

5.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Charcoal Burner (S Fox, 7-2). 2, Head Turner (13-8 fav): 3, Vision of Freedom (11-1). 5 ran. NR: Dark Desire. 1¼l, 11l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £4.30; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £8.00. CSF: £9.38.

Placepot: £197.00.

Bangor

Going: good to firm - good in places

5.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Madam Gymcrak (R Marley, 10-1). 2, Most Interesting (25-1); 3, Viney (100-30 fav). 19 ran. NR: Key Dear. 1¼l, 4l. G Holmes. Tote: £10.80; £3.30, £8.10, £2.10. DF: £163.70. CSF: £216.52.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

5.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Buckra Mellisuga (A Maguire, 3-1 fav); 2, Hunmanby Gap (7-1); 3, Elvett Bridge (25-1); 4, Tap Dancing (50-1). 18 ran. NR: Austhorpe Sunset, Mangrove Mist. 12l, 1l. J Hellens. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.80, £5.80, £6.90. DF: £8.90. Trio: £158.00. CSF: £22.52. Tricast: £406.92.

THIRSK

THUNDERER

2.15 Muntafi. 2.45 Here Comes A Star. 3.20 Forever Diamonds. 3.50 Mheanmetoo. 4.25 Decant. 4.55 Prism. 5.25 Promise City.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (£3,611: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 /0/- COMME CI COMME CA 646 B Ellison 8-9-10 — J Fanning 11
2 0- GAYADO 252 P Evans 4-9-10 — S Sanders (5) 10
3 LINPAC PRESS 80J Ronald Thompson 4-9-10 — O Pears (3) 14
4 33-5 SHAMSHADAL 19 J Jenkins 4-9-10 — J Tate (5) 6
5 3-0 SHADY BANK 10 B Armstrong 4-9-5 — R Price 9
6 00-0 ACERBUS DULCIS 7 J Shaw 3-8-5 — N Connorton 13
7 0-5 BLUSHING FLAME 10 M Stoute 3-8-5 — G Carter 7
8 0-0 KARTTIKEYA 16 A Stewart 3-8-5 — M Birch 1
9 0-2 MUNTAFI 18 J Dunlop 3-8-5 — G Duffield 3
10 44-4 PTOTO 17 L Cumani 3-8-5 — C Hodgson (3) 5
11 0 SAFEY ANA 17 B Hanbury 3-8-5 — J O'Dwyer (7) 2
12 0-00 SEA RAVEN 18 J Gosden 3-8-5 — Dale Gibson 12
13 0-0 STROLLING MINSTREL 37 (B) B Rothwell 3-8-5 — P McCabe (5) 8
14 52-5 TRIPLE TIE 18 (BF) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-0 — T Sprake 4

3-1 Muntafi, 4-1 Blushing Flame, 5-1 Ptoto, Triple Tie, 7-1 others.

2.45 BUSINESS FURNITURE CENTRE HANDICAP (£3,699: 5f) (21)

1 40-0 NED'S BONANZA 14 (D,F) M Dods 5-9-10 — Dale Gibson 7
2 4650 DOMICKSKY 10 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 6-9-9 — R Painter (7) 10
3 -000 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 14 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 6-9-8 — T Williams 14
4 0-00 RISTON LADY 14 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 4-9-7 — G Carter 15
5 0-00 PRIMULA BAIRN 14 (V,D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-7 — B Russell (5) 17
6 00-5 HERE COMES A STAR 14 (D,F,G) J Carr 6-9-6 — A Clark 19
7 2-54 CALAMANCO 14 (D,S) A Smith 4-9-3 — M Birch 5
8 4023 SAMSON-AGONISTES 14 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 8-9-2 — S Sanders (5) 1
9 0-30 SONDERISE 5 (CD,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-0 — DOUBTFUL 4
10 0201 SIR TASKER 14 (CD,F,G) J Harris 6-9-0 — Darren Moffatt (5) 3
11 00-0 LADY SHERIFF 17 (D,F) M W Easterby 3-9-0 — C Munday (7) 9
12 1121 SPENDER 12 (D,G) P Harris 5-8-10 — G Duffield 2
13 040- LIDA'S DELIGHT 229 (D,F) M W Easterby 4-8-9 — Alex Greaves 12
14 31-0 SCORED AGAIN 4 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-8-7 — A Culhane 18
15 0-50 MY GODSON 11 (D,F,S) B Beasley 4-8-7 — J Tate (5) 20
16 -000 EVER SO LONELY 16 (D,F,S) A Bailey 5-8-6 — D Wright (5) 6
17 40-2 PRINCE BELFORT 10 (D,F) J Eyre 6-8-6 — N Connorton 8
18 0610 ARC LAMP 57 (D,F,G) J Glover 8-8-5 — S Maloney (3) 21
19 2115 KALAR 22 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 5-8-2 — S Wood 11
20 0-46 LANGTONIAN 12 (B) J Eyre 5-7-12 — N Adams 13
21 50-0 JOVIAL KATE 10 (D,G) B Ellison 7-7-7 — N Varley (7) 16

6-1 Spender, 7-1 Prince Belfort, 8-1 Samson-Agonistes, Scored Again, 10-1 Sir Tasker, Here Comes A Star, 12-1 Calamanco, 14-1 Kalar, 16-1 others.

3.20 THIRSK HUNT CUP (Handicap: £12,135: 1m) (14)

1 10-6 SAIFAN 8 (B,D,F,G) D Morris 5-9-10 — C Hodgson (3) 2
2 04-6 FOREVER DIAMONDS 11 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-9-10 — M Birch 14
3 30-1 ARAK 14 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 6-9-6 — G Duffield 13
4 -046 TAWAFIJ 14 (F,S) T Dyer 5-9-5 — J Fanning 8
5 00-4 WILLSHE GAN 14 (F,S) Denys Smith 4-9-12 — T Williams 11
6 0-00 BATTLE COLOURS 8 (C,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-10 — N Connorton 10
7 4-43 SPANISH VERDICT 8 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 7-8-6 — C Teague (7) 1
8 -610 BLOWING JADE 11 (D,BF,F,G) M Channon 4-8-4 — G Carter 7
9 4/0 SHARP N' SMOOTH 17 (D,F,G) W Kemp 7-8-2 — N Adams 12
10 0004 PLUM FIRST 15 (C,F,S) N Bycroft 4-8-0 — S Maloney (3) 6
11 5032 LOMBARD SHIPS 8 (B,C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-7-11 — D Wright (5) 5
12 3-32 MASTER BEVELED 14 (D,BF,G) P Evans 4-7-9 — S Sanders (5) 9
13 00-2 GANT BLEU 10 (C,D,F,G,S) R Whitaker 7-7-8 — N Varley (7) 4
14 5244 DREAM CARRIER 5 (F,G) T Barron 6-7-7 — Darren Moffatt (5) 3

4-1 Arak, 5-1 Battle Colours, 6-1 Saifan, 7-1 Forever Diamonds, 8-1 Tawafij, Willshe Gan, 12-1 Lombard Ships, Spanish Verdict, 14-1 others.

3.50 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£6,755: 7f) (13)

1 10-5 MISS MAH-JONG 9 (D,F,S) M Johnston 9-7 — G Duffield 4
2 0-04 OCHOS RIOS 9 (F,G) B Rothwell 9-3 — P McCabe (5) 1
3 144- OOH AH CANTONA 224 (CD,F) R Whitaker 9-1 — A Culhane 9
4 23-3 KAITAK 26 (D,S) J Carr 8-12 — S Morris 8
5 4-45 MOKAAR 18 R Armstrong 8-11 — R Price 12
6 22-1 SWEDISH INVADER 26 (B,G) A Scott 8-11 — J Tate (5) 3
7 1123 CAVERS YANGOUS 7 (BF,G,S) M Johnston 8-10 — T Williams 2
8 0-03 GINZA LIGHTS 10 C Thornton 8-9 — M Tebbutt 11
9 413- LUCKY MESSAGE 217 (G) J Etherington 8-9 — M Birch 6
10 310- PAT'S SPLENDOUR 190 (D,F) D Morris 8-5 — C Hodgson (3) 13
11 10-0 MHEANMETOO 16 (CD,F) M H Easterby 8-4 — S Maloney (3) 7
12 22-6 ROYAL CREST 117 M Camacho 7-12 — L Charnock 10
13 20-6 MICHELLISA 14 J Bethell 7-12 — J Marshall (5) 5

4-1 Swedish Invader, 9-2 Mokaar, 6-1 Kaitak, 7-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 8-1 others.

4.25 MILLGATE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,377: 7f) (9)

1 00 ALABANG 10 M Camacho 9-0 — L Charnock 6
2 05- AUCKLAND CASTLE 274 Denys Smith 9-0 — C Teague (7) 7
3 6 DESERT SYMPHONY 26 A Scott 9-0 — J Tate (5) 9
4 45 DOON RIDGE 10 J J O'Neill 9-0 — D Wright (5) 8
5 0- LUKES BROTHER 269 W Haigh 9-0 — Dale Gibson 1
6 0 REVEREND THICKNESS 26 S Williams 9-0 — C Hodgson (3) 4
7 6-62 BRITANNIA MILLS 113 M Chapman 8-9 — Stephen Davies (3) 5
8 2 DECANT 33 J Fanshawe 8-9 — G Duffield 2
9 2- SKY MUSIC 306 Miss S Hall 8-9 — N Connorton 3

3-1 Desert Symphony, 7-2 Decant, 9-2 Sky Music, 6-1 Britannia Mills, 8-1 others.

4.55 EBF MARKET PLACE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£2,979: 5f) (10)

1 0 ARKINDALE AMBER 15 M W Easterby 9-0 — T Lucas 4
2 0 EURO SCEPTIC 16 M H Easterby 9-0 — S Maloney (3) 10
3 2 FINAL SPOOF 15 M Channon 9-0 — G Duffield 2
4 FLAMBORO J Bethell 9-0 — Stephen Davies (3) 3
5 NORTHERN INFLUENCE Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 — N Connorton 6
6 RYMER'S RASCAL P Haslam 9-0 — J Marshall (5) 9
7 SUPERPRIDE T Barron 9-0 — M Birch 7
8 MAMMA'S DUE J Berry 8-9 — G Carter 2
9 PRISM M Bell 8-9 — M Fenton (3) 8
10 52 REGAGNER 15 R Whitaker 8-9 — A Culhane 1

3-1 Final Spoof, 4-1 Mamma's Due, 9-2 Prism, 5-1 Northern Influence, 7-1 others.

5.25 MILLGATE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,377: 7f) (8)

1 0 PROMISE CITY 16 J Gosden 9-0 — G Carter 5
2 00- UNPREJUDICE 246 J Shaw 9-0 — N Connorton 3
3 02 BRAVE VANESSA 10 M Stoute 8-9 — K Rutter (5) 6
4 00- DEAR MADAM 284 J Carr 8-9 — S Morris 1
5 05 LAST QUARRY 12 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 — B Russell (5) 4
6 000- MISS TIPSY 137 W Haigh 8-9 — Dale Gibson 8
7 6 OFF THE BLOCKS 15 W Jarvis 8-9 — M Tebbutt 2
8 RAMBOLLINA M W Easterby 8-9 — T Lucas 7

6-4 Brave Vanessa, 2-1 Promise City, 5-1 Last Quarry, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 5 winners from 9 runners, 55.6%; J Dunlop, 9 from 24, 37.5%; M Camacho, 5 from 19, 26.3%; P Harris, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Fanshawe, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: C Munday, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; M Tebbutt, 4 from 16, 25%; G Duffield, 23 from 94, 24.5%; S Wood, 10 from 62, 16.1%; O Pears, 4 from 27, 14.8%; S Perks, 8 from 55, 14.5%.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

2.40 Destiny Calls. 3.15 Kosville. 3.45 Warner For Winners. 4.20 Corrouge. 4.50 Midfielder. 5.25 Macedonas. 5.55 Mount Serrath. 6.25 Certainly Strong.

GOING: GOOD (WATERED) — SIS

2.40 CALOR GAS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,987: 2m) (5 runners)

1 221 DESTINY CALLS 35 (D,G) N Twiston-Davies 11-5 — R Dunwoody
2 005 DREAM START 5 — R Wilkinson (7)
3 0F4F TEJANO GOLD 7 P Bradley 10-12 — Gary Lyons
4 TRIPPIANO 12F Mrs J Pitman 10-12 — T Kent
5 4 SABERAGE 9 G Richards 10-7 — B Harding (7)

Evens Destiny Calls, 2-1 Trippiano, 6-1 Tejano Gold, 9-1 Saberage, 10-1 Dream Start.

3.15 DOUGLAS CONCRETE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,686: 2m) (10)

1 P236 CONVOY 8 (B,D,F) C Mann 12-0 — R Dunwoody
2 P36 KOSVILLE 33 — J Lower
3 4616 BARSAL 7 (S) J Parkes 11-2 — A Maguire
4 5503 DANGER BABY 7 R Dickin 11-2 — B Powell
5 3453 MARSHALL PINDARI 9 — P McLoughlin (7)
6 3P04 CRIMINAL RECORD 36 (V) W Clay 10-9 — Diane Clay
7 60P0 SECRET FORMULA 8 T Caseyhead 10-6 — M Sharratt
8 06P NEVER SO LOST 73 (B) P Hiatt 10-3 — D Bridgwater
9 6443 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 5 Mrs S Smith 10-0 — D Towler (7)
10 0PP SMART DAISY 5F Mrs L Jewell 10-0 — N Williamson

4-1 Sally Of The Alley, 9-2 Danger Baby, 5-1 Barsal, 6-1 Convoy, Kosville, 8-1 Marshall Pindari, Secret Formula, 10-1 Criminal Record, 12-1 others.

3.45 PRD FASTENERS 10th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,276: 3m 2f) (6)

1 1305 TRI FOLENE 10 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-10 — R Dunwoody
2 2111 RAFIQ 18 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-2 — A Maguire
3 U411 GLENSHANE LAD 10 (F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-2 — N Williamson
4 0P11 WARNER FOR WINNERS 21 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-13 — Peter Hobbs
5 5310 ARCTIC TEAL 38 (B,CD,F,G,S) O Sherwood 10-10-9 — M Richards
6 -230 SWINHOE CROFT 14 (S) F Lloyd 12-10-1 — S Wynne (3)

2-1 Glenshane Lad, 3-1 Rafiq, Warner For Winners, 6-1 Arctic Teal, Tri Folene, 16-1 Swinhoe Croft.

4.20 LADBROKE STAFFORDSHIRE HURDLE (Grade 2: £9,600: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 3221 CORROUGE 14 (C,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 — D Bridgwater
2 0532 ASHFIELD BOY 24 (F,S) Mrs J Retter 10-11-2 — R Dunwoody
3 2011 CARIBOO GOLD 9 (B,C,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 5-11-2 — N Williamson
4 31R3 CRYSTAL BEAR 24 (D,F,S) T Forster 9-11-2 — B Powell
5 0451 KADI 22 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 5-11-2 — A Maguire

7-4 Corrouge, 5-2 Kadi, 11-4 Cariboo Gold, 5-1 Crystal Bear, 20-1 Ashfield Boy.

4.50 STAINLESS THREADED FASTENERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,566: 2m 5f) (6)

1 2404 RICHVILLE 32 (F,G,S) K Bailey 8-12-0 — N Williamson
2 P110 LUMBERJACK 14 (B,CD,G,S) C Egerton 10-12-0 — J Osborne
3 4110 MENEBUCK 14 (D,F,G,S) Lady Herries 8-11-3 — E Murphy
4 2011 MIDFIELDER 14 (D,F,S) P Hobbs 8-10-11 — Peter Hobbs
5 4455 MR ENTERTAINER 7 (C,F,G,S) N Gaselee 11-10-3 — B Powell
6 -F53 STRONG APPROACH 15 (G) J Charlton 9-10-1 — P Williams (3)

6-4 Midfielder, 4-1 Richville, 5-1 Menebuck, Strong Approach, 6-1 others.

5.25 EUROFAST PETROCHEMICAL SUPPLIES NOVICES CHASE (Amateurs: £2,234: 2m) (10)

1 P630 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 32 (S) D McCain 8-11-10 — D McCain (5)
2 11F6 MACEDONAS 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) C Brooks 6-11-10 — J Durkan
3 4651 REAL PROGRESS 4 (G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-10 — S Mulcaire (7)
4 4PP0 ARCTICFLOW 15 (B) N Thomson 9-11-4 — S Davis (7)
5 P040 ASHDREN 7F (G) A Harrison 7-11-4 — D Parker (5)
6 2U45 IMPECCABLE TIMING 10 (S) O O'Neill 11-11-4 — A Mitchell (7)
7 -P52 PAKENHAM 16 G Richards 8-11-4 — R Hale (5)
8 4420 VICTORY ANTHEM 9 (G) P Clarke 8-11-4 — P Clarke (7)
9 P3P0 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 42 (F) B Llewellyn 6-10-13 — J Llewellyn (7)
10 042F PHARGOLD 7 (BF,F) R Emery 5-10-12 — M Armytage

6-4 Macedonas, 9-4 Phargold, 4-1 Real Progress, 7-1 Pakenham, 10-1 others.

5.55 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,061: 2m) (16)

1 DUKE OF LANCASTER Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4 — J James (7)
2 5 MANOR COTTAGE 33 C Broad 5-11-4 — N Collum (7)
3 5 MISTER BUZIOS 14 J J O'Neill 6-11-4 — A Roche (5)
4 MOUNT SERRATH C Egerton 6-11-4 — A Procter (3)
5 MULTIPOWER J White 5-11-4 — P McLoughlin (7)
6 0 SPEARHEAD AGAIN 140 (BF) S Christian 5-11-4 — D Leahy (5)
7 THE SHY PADRE R Lee 5-11-4 — D Fortt (5)
8 0 CASTLE ROUGE 24 D McCain 5-10-13 — Mr D McCain (5)
9 KINGS GAL R Hollinshead 6-10-13 — S Wynne (3)
10 0 RUKIA 197 O Sherwood 5-10-13 — Mr J Durkan
11 0 SCILLY CAY 7 G Richards 5-10-13 — B Harding (7)
12 STRONG GROVE D Nicholson 6-10-13 — R Massey (7)
13 2 BEN CRUACHAN 49 J Jefferson 4-10-12 — P Williams (3)
14 0 MY RACING DREAM 14 N Tinkler 4-10-12 — E Husband (5)
15 0 PLEASURE CRUISE 38 J Cresswell 4-10-12 — Pat Thompson (7)
16 03 CROWTHER HOMES 94 E Alston 4-10-7 — S Knott (7)

3-1 Strong Grove, 5-1 Mister Buzios, 6-1 Ben Cruachan, 8-1 others.

6.25 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,061: 2m) (16)

1 1 BERUDE NOT TO 37 (S) O Sherwood 5-11-11 — Mr J Durkan
2 ALFIE THE GREAT P Hobbs 5-11-4 — Mr S Mulcaire (7)
3 GLEN ROEL 26P J Mackie 6-11-4 — T Eley (3)
4 0- SWEEBARRA BAY 394 G Ham 5-11-4 — R Darke (7)
5 KAYAK POINT P Dalton 5-11-4 — D Winter (7)
6 MISTER GOODGUY 17P (S) G Balding 5-11-4 — Mr A Crow
7 MULLINGAR J Charlton 5-11-4 — P Williams (3)
8 0 STEEL BELLS 17 C Brooks 5-11-4 — M Berry (7)
9 1 CERTAINLY STRONG 24 (S) D Nicholson 4-11-0 — R Massey (7)
10 LENTHALL THISTLE J Needham 5-10-13 — N Collum (7)
11 THISTLE LOCH Mrs S Smith 5-10-13 — D Towler (7)
12 GOING GREY Miss S Wilton 4-10-12 — N Wilkington (7)
13 0 KENNINGTON KUWAIT 88 R Juckes 4-10-12 — DOUBTFUL
14 5 STORMY CORAL 14 C Parker 4-10-12 — Mr D Parker (5)
15 ELUSIVE STAR J White 4-10-7 — P McLoughlin (7)
16 0 MORNING BLUSH 24 M Pipe 4-10-7 — L Reynolds (7)

5-2 Certainly Strong, 3-1 Berude Not To, 6-1 Alfie The Great, 8-1 others.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Doncaster (first race 2.20), Kempton Park (2.10), Newcastle (2.15), Warwick (1.45), Exeter (2.00), Fontwell Park (2.00), Haydock Park (12.50), Ludlow (2.30), Southwell (2.30), Towcester (2.20).
TUESDAY: Chester (2.10), Newton Abbot (1.55).
WEDNESDAY: Chester (2.10), Brighton (2.30), Edinburgh (2.20), Uttoxeter (5.45), Wetherby (6.00).
THURSDAY: Chester (2.10), Salisbury (2.20), Carlisle (2.00), Hamilton Park (6.20), Sedgefield (6.00).
FRIDAY: Beverley (2.20), Carlisle (2.40), Lingfield Park (2.30), Market Rasen (5.45), Wincanton (6.00).
SATURDAY: Bath (1.40), Beverley (2.20), Lingfield Park (1.30), Worcester (1.45), Newcastle (5.50), Warwick (6.00).
Flat meetings in bold

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

5.50 Manettia. 6.20 Shu Fly. 6.50 Basilicus. 7.20 Ashboro. 7.50 Way Of Life. 8.20 Brownside Brig.

GOING: GOOD

5.50 NORTH TYNE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,550: 3m) (9 runners)

1 5050 LAST REFUGE 19 T Carr 5-11-7 — B Storey
2 60U2 MEGAMUNCH 43 R Juckes 6-11-7 — Richard Guest
3 -04F NORRISMOUNT 19 G Richards 8-11-7 — M Moloney
4 P024 STRONG DEEL 26 W Reed 6-11-7 — L Wyer
5 PF1 UNLUCKY FOR SOME 14P (G) R Collins 5-11-7 — N Doughty
6 P-6 CELTIC PEACE 35 P Beaumont 7-11-2 — C Hawkins
7 6240 MANETTIA 28 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2 — P Niven
8 0F0 TUESDAYNIGHTMARE 19 L Lungo 5-11-2 — T Reed
9 0605 GERMAN LEGEND 18 R Lamb 4-11-0 — A Merrigan

5-4 Manettia, 5-1 Last Refuge, 6-1 Norrismount, Strong Deel, 8-1 Celtic Peace, 10-1 Megamunch, 12-1 German Legend, 16-1 others.

6.20 ROOSTER COMPUTERS CHALLENGE HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,093: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 123P SHU FLY 36 (BF,F,G) C Broad 10-12-0 — R Braham (7)
2 3-32 CENTRE ATTRACTION 38 (F,G,S) N Mason 15-11-8 — Miss Y Beckingham (7)
3 000U DESPERADO 28 (B) S Pittendrigh 7-11-8 — S Pittendrigh (7)
4 3003 FIVE FLAGS 5 (BF,G) Mrs S Smith 6-11-8 — W Halliday (7)
5 P0P0 GLASTONDALE 19 J Birkett 8-11-8 — S Johnson (7)
6 1/00 TALL MEASURE 10 (D,F) D Swindlehurst 8-11-8 — D Swindlehurst (7)
7 P BOOORE 5 F Jestin 8-11-3 — Miss F Barnes (7)
8 -040 ROSE TABLEAU 28 (F,S) J J O'Neill 11-11-3 — Miss S Nichol (7)

2-5 Shu Fly, 6-1 Five Flags, 7-1 Rose Tableau, 8-1 Centre Attraction, 10-1 Tall Measure, 16-1 others.

6.50 ALASTAIR TURNBULL 40th BIRTHDAY NOVICES CHASE (£2,540: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 1453 SHEILAS HILLCREST 40 (D,S) N Mason 8-12-3 — J Supple (5)
2 2100 MAYOR OF LISCARROL 18 (F) M Smith 9-11-10 — G Harker
3 P100 HERE COMES TIBBY 7 (G,S) W Reed 7-11-5 — Mrs A Farrell
4 0012 BASILICUS 28 (BF,S) Mrs S Smith 5-11-3 — Gary Lyons
5 6-F0 KINROYAL 15 F Jestin 9-11-3 — Miss S Nichol (7)
6 P0F0 THE LORRYMAN 15 W Reed 6-11-3 — T Reed
7 4 EASTER OATS 7 (S) R Goldie 7-10-12 — K Johnson
8 0F4P HOWCLEUCH 15 J Oliver 7-10-12 — B Storey
9 -63 SAGARO BELLE 7 A Crow 8-10-12 — A Merrigan
10 P0SU STRONG TRACE 3 M Hammond 5-10-10 — P Niven

7-4 Basilicus, 9-4 Sheilas Hillcrest, 5-1 Easter Oats, 7-1 Mayor Of Liscarrol, 10-1 Howcleuch, 12-1 Here Comes Tibby, 16-1 Sagaro Belle, 25-1 others.

7.20 DEVILS WATER SELLING HURDLE (£1,953: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 -050 HARPLEY 10 (V,C,G,S) R Juckes 7-12-1 — N Juckes (7)
2 PPP5 SHIKARI KID 42 (V,F,S) R Thompson 7-12-1 — P Midgley (5)
3 0803 ASHBORO 11 (S) M Tompkins 5-11-9 — P Niven
4 1-6P HEY JOE 5 (D,G) V Thompson 7-11-9 — J Burke (5)
5 PP02 SOUTH STACK 7 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-9 — Richard Guest
6 2050 ASTRAC TRIO 9 (G) P Monteith 4-11-3 — A Dobbin
7 P-PP FLAXON WORRIOR 5 A Le Blond 10-11-3 — O Pears
8 -200 MASON DIXON 11 R O'Leary 5-11-3 — R Garritty
9 3-30 SCOTTISH PERIL 38 R Allan 7-11-3 — B Storey
10 245P SUNTAN 7 (B) R O'Leary 5-11-3 — K Davies (7)
11 5006 THE WEATHERMAN 18 G Moore 6-11-3 — N Stocks (7)
12 0P00 GLORIOUS HEIGHTS 9 V Thompson 6-10-12 — F Perratt (5)
13 -606 SEA PET 7 J Birkett 5-10-12 — A Merrigan
14 0530 DOC SPOT 24 J Wilson 4-10-11 — L Wyer
15 0504 MISS PIMPERNEL 7 J Birkett 4-10-6 — L O'Hara
16 5RP QUIET MISTRESS 7 W Bethell 4-10-6 — J Callaghan

7-2 Astrac Trio, 5-1 South Stack, Ashboro, 6-1 Doc Spot, 8-1 The Weatherman, 10-1 Mason Dixon, 12-1 Hey Joe, 14-1 others.

7.50 TANT PIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,862: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 F124 BELDINE 85 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 9-12-0 — A Dobbin
2 5402 WAY OF LIFE 7 (D,G) M Hammond 9-11-9 — P Niven
3 0P4P MOSS BEE 52 (D,F) W Reed 7-11-0 — T Reed
4 2463 HIGHLY DECORATED 7 (B,G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-9 — Richard Guest
5 PPF/ EMMET STREET 726 (D,F,G,S) H Miller 14-10-7 — K Jones

5-4 Way Of Life, 2-1 Beldine, 5-2 Highly Decorated, 16-1 others.

8.20 MICHAEL HENDERSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,427: 2m) (9)

1 3340 PREOBLAKENSKY 77 (C,D,G,S) N Mason 7-12-0 — J Supple (5)
2 4RU6 SEON 3 (CD,F,G,S) W Bentley 8-11-13 — N Bentley
3 11F0 BRAMBLEBERRY 11F (D,BF,S) Mrs S Smith 5-11-11 — Richard Guest
4 4284 THE GREEN FOOL 9 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-11-5 — A Dobbin
5 1-31 BROWNSIDE BRIG 3 (D,F,G) M Tompkins 9-10-3 (5ex) — P Niven
6 1230 VERY EVIDENT 5F (S) G Moore 5-10-4 — J Callaghan
7 S4F3 ASTRALEON 10 R Allan 6-10-3 — B Storey
8 06SF CAPTAIN TANCRED 7 (D,S) J Birkett 6-10-0 — A Merrigan
9 64P2 TIGHTER BUDGET 7 (CD,S) Mrs E Slack 7-10-0 — M Moloney

7-4 Brownside Brig, 4-1 Brambleberry, 5-1 Seon, 8-1 The Green Fool, Very Evident, 10-1 Tighter Budget, Astraleon, 12-1 others.

☐ Mark Tompkins's St Leger winner Bob's Return (Philip Robinson) and Ezzoud (Walter Swinburn) head the British challenge for the eight-runner group one Prix Ganay at Longchamp tomorrow. The ten-furlong contest also includes Urban Sea and Intrepidity.

☐ John Dunlop's pair Spaghetti Western (Gary Carter) and Ultimo Imperatore (Willie Carson) tackle the group one Premio Parioli (1m) at San Siro, Milan, tomorrow.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock Park: 3.05 Sunday News'n'echo. Newmarket: 4.15 Palacegate Jack. Thirsk: 2.15 Strolling Minstrel, 3.50 Swedish Invader.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

2.20 Too Sharp. 2.50 Nearco Bay. 3.25 Pyro Pennant. 3.55 San Lorenzo. 4.30 Saffron Lord. 5.00 Dominos Ring. 5.30 Uncle Algy.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Saffron Lord.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 SUN VALLEY CHARITIES NOVICES HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 0035 SKEOUGH 14 (F,G) J Webber 6-11-8 — R Bellamy
2 U165 ROXY RIVER 36 (S) J Spearing 5-11-3 — W Marston
3 P- DIAMOND LIGHT 334 V Bishop 7-11-2 — J R Kavanagh
4 340/ FRENCH IVY 236F Mrs A King 7-11-2 — G Upton
5 050P KINDLE'S DELIGHT 14 Miss H Knight 6-11-2
6 0-P MUSICAL TREND 238 O Sherwood 6-11-2 — J Osborne
7 P6-0 PERSIAN WOLF 10 O O'Neill 6-11-2 — V Slattery
8 50 PONGO WARING 42 Miss H Knight 5-11-2 — R Farrant (3)
9 5P5U SHERWOOD BOY 10 K Bailey 5-11-2 — S McNeill
10 40 SO HOPEFUL 71 D Barons 5-11-2 — R Greene
11 F TENDER DANCER 7 B Wells 6-11-2 — J Da Costa
12 0 PASSAMEZZO 14 B Preece 4-10-11 — T Wall
13 RING THE BANK N Twiston-Davies 7-10-11 — T Jenks (3)
14 P SWEET LIBERTY 14 R Brotherton 10-10-11 — T Eley (3)
15 404/ THANKS A MILLION 1074 N Thomson 8-10-11 — J Frost
16 3324 TOO SHARP 15 Miss H Knight 6-10-11 — R Marley
17 0 TYDFIL LASS 42 D Burchell 5-10-11 — D J Burchell

7-2 Too Sharp, 9-2 Roxy River, 6-1 Skeough, 7-1 Sherwood Boy, 10-1 others.

2.50 KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,560: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 441P AUCTION LAW 23 (CD,F,G,S) D Barons 10-12-0 — J Frost
2 -PP1 NEARCO BAY 25 (CD,S) N Henderson 10-11-5 — J R Kavanagh
3 4514 MR TITTLE TATTLE 71 (B,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-11 — S McNeill
4 63U6 MWEENISH 14 (G,S) J Webber 12-10-9 — R Bellamy
5 1210 GILSTON LASS 14 (F,G) J King 7-10-9 — T Jenks (3)
6 PPPF COMPLETE OPTIMIST 7 (F,S) R Lee 10-10-9 — L Harvey
7 -531 HEIGHT OF FUN 220 (B,CD,F,G,S) C Popham 10-10-7 — S Burrough
8 6P2P CAMDEN BELLE 28 (F,G) M Muggeridge 12-10-0 — A Tory
9 FP2U BUMPTIOUS BOY 8 (F) A J Wilson 10-10-0 — W Marston

5-4 Nearco Bay, 9-2 Height Of Fun, 5-1 Gilston Lass, 7-1 Auction Law, 8-1 Mweenish, 14-1 Mr Tittle Tattle, Camden Belle, 16-1 others.

3.25 BONUSPRINT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,553: 2m 1f) (12)

1 123P ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 38F (G) B Preece 6-11-10 — T Jenks
2 2-60 FIVE STARS 7 J Colston 7-11-9 — J McCarthy
3 0-506 KILLTUBBER HOUSE 28 R Lee 8-11-8 — J Bond (7)
4 0435 SHARPSIDE 10 (B,S) P Hobbs 7-11-7 — C Quinlan (5)
5 5P65 IRISH TAN 9 (B) A Aylett 7-11-6 — S Arnold (7)
6 4P4 JUVENARA 7F (V) A Forbes 8-11-4 — T Eley
7 P0-P SURE SHOT NORMAN 31 (V) G Jones 5-11-3 — P Carey
8 6FP4 PYRO PENNANT 28 D Burchell 9-11-3 — A Procter
9 8P0 PIPERS REEL 36 C Dawes 4-10-12 — D Matthews
10 0PP6 BELLE LOCK 40 D Tucker 6-10-12 — J Neaves
11 -PP0 LLES LE BUCFLOW 8 F Jordan 6-10-12 — R Farrant
12 0006 TANAISTE 24 (B) P Evans 5-10-11 — S Curran

3-1 Pyro Pennant, 7-2 Juvenara, 7-1 Killtubber House, 8-1 others.

3.55 SUN VALLEY ONLY THE BEST WILL DOODLE DO NOVICES CHASE (£3,210: 2m 3f) (5)

1 4P41 EMERALD RULER 17 (G,S) J Webber 7-11-10 — R Bellamy
2 1202 SAN LORENZO 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 6-11-10 — S McNeill
3 -08P PERTEMPS JOBSHOP 14 K Bridgwater 8-11-3 — W Humphreys
4 6624 DONNA'S TOKEN 15 (F,G) R Brown 9-10-12 — W Marston
5 U4P0 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 117 (B) C Hemsley 6-10-12 — M Bosley

4-5 San Lorenzo, 6-4 Emerald Ruler, 12-1 Seminole Princess, 14-1 Donna's Token, 16-1 Pertemps Jobshop.

4.30 NEXT GENERATION HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,380: 3m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 1212 BROWN WINDSOR 22 (B,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 12-12-7 — B Pollock (7)
2 -214 DARK DAWN 22 (BF,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 10-12-7 — J Greenall
3 P5/3 SAFFRON LORD 8 (F,G,S) M Ryan 12-12-7 — G Hogan (7)
4 -4UP SANDSTONE ARCH 22 (D,F) T Caldwell 11-12-7 — L Brennan (7)
5 1345 CAPE COTTAGE 15 (CD,F,G,S) D Caro 10-12-4 — A Phillips (7)
6 250F MASTER MUCK 35P (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 11-12-4 — S Joynes (7)
7 1255 SHARINSKI 7P (F,S) A Brewer 7-12-4 — J Rudge (7)
8 -333 THE MALAKARMA 14 (G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-12-4 — T Byrne (5)
9 3305 RUSTY BRIDGE 7 (F,G) J Johnson 7-12-0 — R Johnson (7)
10 57-P MENDON ROSE 8 S Jones 13-11-9 — B Norris (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

7-4 Dark Dawn, 2-1 Brown Windsor, 5-1 The Malakarma, 6-1 Saffron Lord, 8-1 Cape Cottage, 16-1 Rusty Bridge, 20-1 others.

5.00 JAIL-BREAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 3f 110yd) (18)

1 5114 TEMPLE KNIGHT 10 (G,S) Miss C Johnsey 5-11-10 — L Harvey
2 1224 LUCKY BLUE 8 (CD,S) N Thomson 7-11-10 — P Carey (7)
3 0046 ROCA MURADA 25 D Nicholson 5-11-9 — W Marston
4 5066 DOMINOS RING 14 R Buckler 5-11-7 — S Curran (5)
5 -060 BRIMPTON BERTIE 14 D Chappell 5-11-5 — G Upton
6 06P4 FALCONBRIDGE BAY 8 N Henderson 7-11-3 — J R Kavanagh
7 PP30 TWIST 'N' SCU 68 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 — T Jenks (3)
8 0/53 IT'S DELICIOUS 142 Mrs T Pilkington 8-11-7 — Mr G Hogan (7)
9 26P0 GILBERT 8 (D,F) D Carey 6-10-12 — Lorna Vincent
10 -2PP KOBYRUN 8 A Williams 8-10-11 — S Burrough
11 13F1 NEARLY HONEST 79 (B) R Hodges 6-10-9 — A Tory
12 0050 JUNIPER LODGE 9 R Alner 6-10-8 — N Mann
13 4300 STERLING BUCK 36 G Yardley 7-10-5 — B Clifford
14 P0P0 FINALLY FANTAZIA 11 (S) Mrs I McKie 5-10-3 — S McNeill
15 60P2 NO SHOW 110 K Bridgwater 4-10-1 — W Humphreys
16 -605 ROAD TO AU BON 114 R Baker 6-10-1 — R Farrant (3)
17 P0-0 LAST MATCH 9 D Barons 6-10-0 — R Greene
18 6P05 EMALLEN 26 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 — I Shoemark

5-1 Roca Murada, 7-1 Temple Knight, 8-1 Lucky Blue, Nearly Honest, Falconbridge Bay, 10-1 Dominos Ring, It's Delicious, 14-1 others.

5.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,380: 2m 1f) (17)

1 0 BEN DARWI 35 G Jones 5-11-6 — S Arnold (7)
2 CORRIB SONG T Forster 5-11-6 — R Farrant (3)
3 2 DRUMMOND WARRIOR 40 T Thomson Jones 5-11-6 — T Dascombe (7)
4 0 HOLY STING 39 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 — T Jenks (3)
5 0 KELBURNE LAD 14 K Bailey 5-11-6 — Mrs T Bailey
6 0 NANOOK 65 R Simpson 5-11-6 — Mr E Williams (7)
7 6 UNCLE ALGY 35 Miss H Knight 5-11-6 — Mr G Hogan (7)
8 AREAL B Palling 5-11-1 — D Rees (7)
9 BEGGARS LANE S Christian 5-11-1 — P Mella (7)
10 CHRISSYTINO 77P N Mitchell 6-11-1 — M Godsafe (7)
11 ONEMOREANWEGO G Jones 6-11-1 — Mr C Campbell (7)
12 DANCING SUPREME W Mann 4-11-0 — Miss S Wallin
13 FROWN Lord Huntingdon 4-11-0 — S Curran (5)
14 HARRINGTON HUNDREDS S Sherwood 4-11-0 — J McCarthy (3)
15 0 HERBERT BUCHANAN 7 K McAuliffe 4-11-0 — D Matthews
16 2 WIZZO 54 B Palling 4-11-0 — L Aspell (7)
17 HYDEMILLA Mrs T Pilkington 4-10-9 — K Brown (7)

7-4 Frown, 5-1 Wizzo, 6-1 Drummond Warrior, 7-1 Uncle Algy, 12-1 Harrington Hundreds, Corrib Song, 14-1 others.

TODAY'S POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS: Albrighton, Weston Park, six miles east of Telford (first race 2.00); Atherstone, Clifton on Dunsmore, 3m NW of junction 18 M1 (2.00). Berkeley, Woodford, 15m NE of Bristol (2.00); Berks and Bucks, Barbury Castle, 5m S of Swindon (2.00); Lauderdale, Mosshouses, 4m N of Melrose (2.00). Llangeinor, Pyle Margam Park off junction 38 M4 (2.30). Old Surrey and Burstow, Penshurst, 4m SW of Tonbridge (2.00). Pendle Forest and Craven, Gisburn, 1m SW of town (2.00); Tiverton Staghounds, Bratton Down, 10m N of South Molton (2.00). York and Ainsty, Easingwold, 13m NW of York (2.00).

[PLUMPTON]

THUNDERER

5.35 Philip's Woody. 6.05 So Discreet. 6.35 Handsome Ned. 7.05 Cavo Greco. 7.35 Royal Square. 8.05 Mulled Ale.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

5.35 NEWICK NOVICES CHASE (£2,360: 2m) (6 runners)

1 3P46 STRONG VIEWS 23 (F,G,S) J White 7-11-12 — D Murphy
2 5415 PHILIP'S WOODY 47 (CD,BF,G,S) N Henderson 6-11-6 — M A Fitzgerald
3 6550 BALLAD RULER 7 (D,G) P Pritchard 8-11-0 — R Davis (3)
4 PF CREDIT NOTE 15 R Alner 8-11-0 — S Earle
5 0-02P DAWN CHANCE 121 R Hodges 8-11-0 — I Lawrence
6 00/64 MIRAGE DANCER 247 (F) Miss C Caroe 11-11-0 — M Perrett

4-5 Strong Views, 5-2 Philip's Woody, 6-1 Ballad Ruler, 10-1 others.

6.05 ONCORD BAR AT BRIGHTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,200: 2m 4f) (19)

1 408 BITTER ALOE 37F G Harwood 5-12-0 — M Perrett
2 -000 SARAZAR 42 R Akehurst 5-12-0 — S Ryan (7)
3 2111 SO DISCREET 54 (D,F,S) J White 6-12-0 — A Maguire
4 1014 BAYLORD PRINCE 11F (C,S) R Hoad 6-11-6 — M Hoad
5 3450 IVYCHURCH 11 J Joseph 8-11-6 — Karen Cook (7)
6 0P/ ADANUS 2234 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-11-5 — M Crosse
7 4F3 KALAKATE 10 J Bridger 9-11-4 — D O'Sullivan
8 P14- QUAI D'ORSAY 408 (CD,F,G,S) F O'Mahony 9-11-4 — D Murphy
9 4P00 WILTOSKI 47 (B,D,F,G) R Ledger 6-11-4 — Mrs N Ledger
10 PUUP FIVE CASTLES 28 (F) G Enright 6-11-2 — J Railton
11 F02/ RED OXON 364P (F) J Long 12-11-2 — Leesa Long
12 2122 SPARKLER GEBE 53F (B,BF,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 8-11-2 — M A Fitzgerald
13 0050 ARMASHOCKER 11 (S) Bob Jones 6-11-1 — V Smith
14 4342 COBB GATE 28 (B,G) B Stevens 6-11-0 — M Stevens
15 3-52 SHANAKEE 12F J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-0 — R Dunwoody
16 2610 ROGER'S PAL 9 (C,G,S) A Moore 7-10-13 — D Gallagher
17 06P4 OLIVIPET 54 F Gray 5-10-11 — G Crone (7)
18 P350 ALICE'S MIRROR 12F (C,G,S) T McGovern 5-10-9 — W McFarland
19 6043 WHATMORECANASKFOR 79 (B) G Charles-Jones 6-10-9 — R Davis (3)

3-1 So Discreet, 4-1 Sparkler Gebe, 5-1 Kalakate, 7-1 Shanakee, 8-1 Roger's Pal, 10-1 Alice's Mirror, Quai D'Orsay, 12-1 others.

6.35 SOUTHERN FM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,783: 2m) (8)

1 F020 NATHIR 9 (CD,S) P Butler 8-12-0 — M A Fitzgerald
2 1350 COURT RAPIER 9 (CD,F,G) R Alner 12-11-12 — A Maguire
3 334P FRED SPLENDID 28 (CD,S) R Hodges 11-11-6 — R Dunwoody
4 04P5 AIR COMMANDER 6 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 9-11-4 — T Wall
5 F4P0 LUCKY AGAIN 6 (D,G) C Popham 7-11-2 — S Earle
6 8232 HANDSOME NED 40 (B,G,S) D Grissell 8-10-10 — J Railton
7 6543 RUSTIC GENT 17 (D,F) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-8 — R Davis (3)
8 0084 GREEN WALK 17 R Rowe 7-10-0 — C Burnett-Wells (5)

3-1 Handsome Ned, 4-1 Rustic Gent, 9-2 Fred Splendid, 6-1 Nathir, 8-1 Court Rapier, Lucky Again, 10-1 Air Commander, 20-1 Green Walk.

7.05 A. R. DENNIS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,805: 2m 4f) (20)

1 -12P PONTOON BRIDGE 44 (F,S) G Harwood 7-12-0 — M Perrett
2 241P DEBACLE 22 (CD,F,G) B McMath 5-11-5 — D Murphy
3 0062 SOMERSET DANCER 9 (B,S) J Bridger 7-11-4 — A Maguire
4 3053 GAMEFULL GOLD 28 (CD,BF,G) S Dow 5-10-9 — A Dicken
5 3240 ALOSAILI 8 (C,F,G) B Stevens 7-10-7 — M Stevens
6 -1P4 CAVO GRECO 11 (CD,F,G) J Joseph 5-10-7 — D Skyrme
7 5322 ESPRIT DE FEMME 28 D Browning 8-10-6 — Peter Hobbs
8 F110 DOUALAGO 82 (B,G,S) M Pipe 4-10-5 — R Dunwoody
9 4310 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 18 (G) M Channon 4-10-5 — Lorna Vincent
10 4/UP0 INTERPLAY 17 (CD,G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-5 — D O'Sullivan
11 5U80 DIRECTORS' CHOICE 121 (CD,F,G) T Mills 9-10-2 — M Hourigan
12 -P22U MILLY BLACK 40 (V,S) L Snook 6-10-1 — D Gallagher
13 6255 PRIVATE JET 61 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-0 — J R Kavanagh
14 020F SCOTTISH BALL 28 F Gray 5-10-0 — M Crosse
15 1420 GREENWINE 9 (F,G) Mrs L Richards 8-10-0 — M Richards
16 1P/ COURAGE-MON-BRAVE 983 (F) R Hoad 6-10-0 — M Hoad
17 0-1P CHEAP METAL 26 (B,CD,F,G) R Ingram 9-10-0 — M A Fitzgerald
18 F/0-5 CONNABEE 40 J Poulton 10-10-0 — R Rowell
19 0F00 BISHOPS TRUTH 9 R Curtis 8-10-0 — D Morris
20 000 LUCKY OAK 9 (B,F,G) R Rowe 8-10-0 — C Burnett-Wells (5)

5-1 Somerset Dancer, 6-1 Doualago, Pontoon Bridge, 7-1 Cavo Greco, 8-1 others.

7.35 UCKFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,028: 3m 1f 110yd) (16)

1 1232 GINGER TRISTAN 28 (BF,G,S) D Grissell 8-11-10 — Peter Hobbs
2 4134 SUNBEAM TALBOT 11 (D,G,S) A Jones 13-11-9 — M A Fitzgerald
3 P134 PUNCH'S HOTEL 9 (S) R Rowe 9-11-6 — C Burnett-Wells (5)
4 P345 PURBECK DOVE 15 (CD,G) R Alner 9-11-5 — A Maguire
5 4322 MISS FERN 21 (CD,BF,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-4 — D Meredith (3)
6 6341 ROYAL SQUARE 40 (CD,G,S) G Harwood 8-11-1 — M Perrett
7 0B-6 VALNAU 45 (B,S) M Pipe 7-10-11 — R Dunwoody
8 4444 BARRACILLA 10 (G) G Balding 9-10-10 — J Railton
9 433P TRUSTY FRIEND 19 (D,G,S) C Popham 12-10-10 — S Earle
10 6533 CHANCERY BUCK 26 (B,D,F,G) R Frost 11-10-10 — J Frost
11 355P WOODLANDS GENHIRE 81 (V,D,F) P Pritchard 9-10-4 — R Davis (3)
12 3U3/ CENTAUR SONG 1285 (C,F,G) D O'Brien 14-10-4 — Mr Raymond White
13 P205 VICTORY GATE 9 (B) A Moore 9-10-0 — D Gallagher
14 55PU ON YOUR WAY 28 (B,S) Mrs L Jewell 12-10-0 — W McFarland
15 45P0 MISS MUIRE 9 (F,G) R Curtis 8-10-0 — D Morris
16 PP/PP INDIAN JEWEL 11 J Jenkins 10-10-0 — W J Walsh (7)

4-1 Royal Square, 9-2 Miss Fern, 6-1 Ginger Tristan, Valnau, 7-1 others.

8.05 HOVE FOUR YRS OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,543: 2m 1f) (16)

1 305 BOYFRIEND 37 (BF) D Elsworth 11-0 — P Holley
2 53 DESERT CHALLENGER 53F J Jenkins 11-0 — A Maguire
3 54 DON TOCINO 56 J White 11-0 — D Skyrme
4 00 FINDON ACADEMY 92 G Moore 11-0 — H Jenkins
5 0 GENTLEMAN SID 192 R Dickin 11-0 — D Meredith (3)
6 0000 NORTHERN SINGER 8 R Hodges 11-0 — I Lawrence
7 0 SUSSEX MAESTRO 43 F Gray 11-0 — M Crosse
8 333 VISIMOTION 57 Mrs J Cecil 11-0 — T Kent
9 0 ALACUE 26 R Alner 10-9 — S Earle
10 P06 CELTIC LILLEY 33 R Hoad 10-9 — M Hoad
11 P35 CLASSY KAHYASI 43 T McGovern 10-9 — W McFarland
12 KEEP SAFE 344F K Cunningham-Brown 10-9 — M Ahern
13 00 LADY BREYFAX 87 G Gillo 10-9 — G Crone (7)
14 0043 MULLED ALE 43 S Sherwood 10-9 — M Richards
15 0F MUSICAL HIGH 52 M Pipe 10-9 — R Dunwoody
16 6 SPRING SUNRISE 8 B De Haan 10-9 — S McNeill

3-1 Visimotion, 4-1 Don Tocino, 5-1 Boyfriend, Mulled Ale, 6-1 others.

Talented State Performer can warm to classic task

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE success of Maktoum horses flown to Newmarket this week from the warmth of a winter in Dubai can be capped by victory for **STATE PERFORMER** in the Madagans 2,000 Guineas today.

The value of the Dubai experiment was underlined on Thursday when Balanchine failed by less than one tenth of an inch to land the fillies' classic and, an hour later, Seismograph triumphed, carrying the Godolphin silks which are reserved for horses who have stayed in the United Arab Emirates.

Apart from the racecourse success, the well-being of the Godolphin horses was plain for all to see. They appeared well forward of British-trained runners, whose preparation has been blighted until recently by bitterly cold winds and heavy ground.

State Performer, who was sold, along with Balanchine, to Shaikh Mohammed by Robert Sangster last autumn, was most impressive when winning the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot and was always considered one of the top two-year-olds when in the care of Peter Chapple-Hyam.

Ray Cochrane, who spent 2½ months in Dubai during the winter, had no hesitation accepting an invitation to ride State Performer in today's classic after partnering the Seattle Dancer colt in a piece of work with Balanchine at Nad al Sheba racecourse three weeks ago.

"I was very impressed with him; the way he went and his general condition. I knew the form the horses were in out there and State Performer worked every bit as well as Balanchine. I think he has got a fantastic chance," the jockey said yesterday.

State Performer, whose odds were cut from 16-1 to 8-1 by William Hill yesterday, has yet to race on fast ground but will not be inconvenienced by the firmer surface according to Cochrane and John Reid, who rode the colt last year.

Reid partners **Colonel Collins**, narrowly beaten by **King's Theatre** in the Craven and now 5lb worse off with Henry Cecil's runner. Form lines involving Time Star and Khamaseen suggest State Performer has little to find against the front two in Newmarket's Guineas trial. Cochrane rode the fast-finishing **Suplizi** that day but had no hesitation in remaining loyal to State Performer.

The going, which will be close to firm this afternoon after a week of sunshine and drying winds, could see several form reversals following the wet spring weather. Apart from Colonel Collins, who should relish the faster surface, **Redoubtable** looks certain to run a bold race with conditions in his favour.

Although the wet start to the Flat season has prevented Richard Hannon from getting a run into his National Stakes winner, the champion trainer is confident there are no grounds for concern over his fitness. Redoubtable ran his best race behind First Trump and Owington in a fast-run Middle Park Stakes and should stay the mile.

Andre Fabre's runners always merit close inspection but **Signe Divin's** best form is on soft or heavy ground and he could be outpaced over what is arguably an inadequate trip.

☐ Pat Eddery was yesterday ruled out of the 2,000 Guineas after losing his appeal against a two-day riding ban. Although Eddery's appeal failed, the Jockey Club considered the interference had not affected the placings and restored Kings Cay to first.

Nap: TROPICAL
(4.15 Newmarket)
Next best: Overbury
(1.55 Newmarket)

GEORGE SELWYN



King's Theatre, right, narrowly beating Colonel Collins in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket

3.40 MADAGANS 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)
(Group I: £131,948: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: 1m) (23 runners)

401 (8) 26101-2 CANASKA DANCER 17 (F,S) (Mrs J Sifton) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... S Whitworth 87
(b c Green Desert - Gay Fance) (Pink, dark green spots)
402 (23) 112-2 COLONEL COLLINS 16 (C,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 93
(ch c El Gran Senor - Kanmary) (Green, blue sleeves, white cap, green spots)
403 (16) 301-3 COOL JAZZ 14 (S) (S Manana) C Brittain 9-0 ... J Williams 82
(b c Lead On Time - Amber Fizz) (White, red sash, red and white striped cap)
404 (11) 13311-1 COTTEIR CHIEF 23 (F,S) (J Neville) M Pipe 9-0 ... M Hills 78
(b c Chief Singer - Hasty Key) (Black and orange stripes, orange sleeves, black armlets, orange cap)
405 (18) 15-1 CRAZY PAVING 2 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 81
(b c Danehill - Clunk Click) (Yellow, black disc, black and yellow check cap)
406 (10) 2 DISTANT VIEW 16 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 79
(ch c Mr Prospector - Seven Springs) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)
407 (5) 01-0 DUMAANI 16 (C,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 83
(gr c Danzig - Desirable) (Blue, white epaulets, striped cap)
408 (17) 1-5 GOLDEN NASHWAN 16 (G) (Scuderia SRL) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... M Roberts 85
(b c Nashwan - Music And Dance) (White, red disc, white sleeves, red spots, red cap)
409 (22) 1311-6 GRAND LODGE 16 (C,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 ... L Dettori 96
(ch c Chief's Crown - La Papagena) (Apricot)
410 (15) 11-4 INDHAR 28 (C,G,S) (Miss P Rovera) J Banks 9-0 ... J Quinn 89
(b c Warning - Clarissa) (Green, red chevron, chevrons on sleeves, green cap, red star)
411 (4) 12-1 JUST HAPPY 14 (D,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 81
(b c Night Shift - Mesmerize) (Blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
412 (1) 5111-1 KING'S THEATRE 16 (CD,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ... M J Kinane [illegible]
(b c Sadler's Wells - Regal Beauty) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
413 (21) 13161- MISTER BAILEYS 217 (D,F,S) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 ... J Weaver 87
(b c Robellino - Thimblerigger) (Yellow, dark green stripe, striped sleeves, quartered cap)
414 (2) 03313-0 PICCOLO 17 (S) (J Mitchell and Partners) M Channon 9-0 ... K Darley 82
(b c Warning - Woodwind) (Blue, red sash, blue sleeves, red seams, blue cap, red star)
415 (9) 4116-43 RAFFERTY'S RULES 18 (C,BF,S) (J Swiers) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... K Fallon 85
(b c Ballad Rock - River Maiden) (Blue, white braces, light blue cap)
416 (14) 11335- REDOUBTABLE 197 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 ... B Raymond 93
(b c Grey Dawn II - Seattle Rockette) (Black, yellow cap)
417 (7) 2320-1 RIVER DEEP 26 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... A Munro 85
(ch c Riverman - Affection Affirmed) (Dark green)
418 (13) 13121-2 SIGNE DIVIN 25 (G,S) (P de Moussac) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 ... T Jarnet 94
(b c Bering - Lumen Dei) (Black and gold hoops, check cap)
419 (20) 2201- STAR SELECTION 189 (D,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 77
(b c Rainbow Quest - Selection Board) (Yellow, blue cross of lorraine, armlets and cap)
420 (19) 11123- STATE PERFORMER 224 (G,S) H Ibrahim (UAE) 9-0 ... R Cochrane 91
(gr c Seattle Dancer - Dije) (Blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
421 (3) 12-3 SUPLIZI 18 (G) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-0 ... L Piggott 93
(b c Alzao - Sphinx) (Light blue, yellow hoop and armlets, yellow cap, light blue diamond)
422 (12) 12236-4 TORCH ROUGE 17 (F) (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland 86
(b c Warning - Sistabelle) (Red and green hoops, yellow cap, green hoop)
423 (6) 01121-5 UNBLEST 17 (BF,F,S) (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 ... C Asmussen 93
(b c Alzao - Missed Blessing) (Blue, white striped sleeves)

BETTING: 4-1 King's Theatre, 5-1 Golden Nashwan, 6-1 Colonel Collins, Suplizi, 10-1 Redoubtable, Unblest, 12-1 Distant View, Signe Divin, 20-1 Grand Lodge, Just Happy, Mister Baileys, State Performer, 25-1 Dumaani, Indhar, 40-1 Rafferty's Rules, River Deep, 50-1 Canaska Dancer, Cool Jazz, Star Selection, 66-1 others.

1993: ZAFONIC 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-6 fav) A Fabre (Fr) 14 ran

CANASKA DANCER
Apr 13, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-1) head 2nd to Bluegrass Prince (8-13) with Torch Rouge (9-2) 1l 4th, Unblest (9-7) neck 5th and Piccolo (9-3) 2¼l 7th (7f, list hcp, £17,005, 10 ran).
Oct 23, 1993, Newbury, good to soft: (9-7) beat Kerrie-Jo (8-1) 4l (6f, hcp, £5,527, 13 ran).
Sep 29, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Piccolo.

COLONEL COLLINS
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: see King's Theatre.
Oct 1, 1993, Newmarket, good: see Grand Lodge.

COOL JAZZ
Apr 16, Newbury, good to soft: (9-0) 8l 3rd to Turtle Island (9-0) (7f, gp III, £20,220, 8 ran).
Oct 6, 1993, York, heavy: (9-0) beat Amber Valley (9-0) 2l (6f, mdn, £5,580, 7 ran).
Sep 25, 1993, Ascot, good to soft: see Mister Baileys.

COTTEIR CHIEF
Apr 7, Brighton, good to soft: (9-0) beat Mystic Eagle (9-0) 1¼l (7f, cond, £4,529, 4 ran).

CRAZY PAVING
Apr 28, Newmarket, good: (9-2) beat Delta One (9-2) head (7f, cond, £5,163, 9 ran).

DISTANT VIEW
Apr 14, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Zilzal Zamaan (9-0) (7f, mdn, £4,776, 17 ran).

DUMAANI
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: see King's Theatre.
Oct 30, 1993, Newmarket, good: (8-5) beat Mithl Al Hawa (9-2) 2½l (7f, cond, £6,570, 6 ran).
Oct 16, 1993, Newmarket, good: see Indhar.

GOLDEN NASHWAN
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: see King's Theatre.
Oct 22, 1993, Doncaster, good: (9-0) beat Moving Arrow (9-0) 3½l (7f, mdn, £4,932, 15 ran).

GRAND LODGE
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: see King's Theatre.
Oct 15, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) beat Stonehatch (9-0) ½l with Redoubtable (9-0) 1½l 5th and River Deep (9-0) 1¾l 7th (7f, gp I, £117,725, 10 ran).
Oct 1, 1993, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat Colonel Collins (9-1) 3½l (7f, list, £10,116, 9 ran).

INDHAR
Apr 2, Kempton, good to soft: (8-8) 6½l 4th to Ultimo Imperatore (8-12) (1m, list, £13,825, 7 ran).
Oct 16, 1993, Newmarket, good. (8-12) beat Suplizi (9-0) 1l with Dumaani (8-12) 6½l 6th (7f, cond, £9,084, 9 ran).

JUST HAPPY
Apr 16, Thirsk, good: (8-12) beat Randonneur (8-12) head (1m, cond, £10,292, 5 ran).
Aug 17, 1993, York, good to soft. (8-12) neck 2nd to Concordial (8-12) (7f, cond, £12,676, 8 ran).

KING'S THEATRE
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: (9-0) beat Colonel Collins (8-9) short-head with Suplizi (8-9) short-head 3rd, Golden Nashwan (8-9) 1¼l 5th, Grand Lodge (9-0) head 6th and Dumaani (8-9) 1l 7th (1m, gp III, £19,884, 10 ran).
Oct 23, 1993, Doncaster, good: (9-0) beat Fairy Heights (8-9) 1l (1m, gp I, £86,779, 9 ran).
Sep 17, 1993, Newbury, good to soft: (8-13) beat Star Selection (8-11) 4l (1m, cond, £6,370, 8 ran).

MISTER BAILEYS
Sep 25, 1993, Ascot good to soft: (8-10) beat Concordial (8-10) ½l with Cool Jazz (8-10) 16½l 8th (1m, gp II, £59,940, 9 ran).
Aug 18, York, good: see Unblest.
Jul 29, 1993, Goodwood, good to soft: (8-11) beat Prince Babar (8-11) 2½l (7f, gp III, £19,880, 6 ran).

PICCOLO
Apr 13, Newmarket, good to soft: see Canaska Dancer.
Sep 29, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (9-0) 1½l 3rd to Fumo Di Londra (9-0) with Torch Rouge (9-0) ½l 6th, Canaska Dancer (9-0) ½l 7th and Star Selection (9-0) 1l 10th (7f, cond, £26,797, 30 ran).

RAFFERTY'S RULES
Apr 12, Newmarket, good: (8-3) 3¼l 3rd to Midhish (9-2) (6f, list, £10,512, 12 ran).
Mar 26, Doncaster, good: (8-2) 1½l 4th to Amron (9-2) (6f, list, £10,888, 12 ran).

REDOUBTABLE
Oct 15, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Grand Lodge.
Sep 30, 1993, Newmarket, good: (9-0) 1l 3rd to First Trump (9-0) (6f, gp I, £91,233, 8 ran).

RIVER DEEP
Apr 4, Kempton, soft: (8-9) beat Achares (8-9) 1l (7f, mdn, £3,407, 12 ran)
Oct 15, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Grand Lodge.

SIGNE DIVIN
Apr 5, Maisons-Laffitte, heavy: (9-2) 1½l 2nd to Psychobabble (9-2) (7f, list, £13,730, 4 ran)
Nov 9, 1993, Maisons-Laffitte, heavy: (8-11) beat Carmot (8-11) 1½l (7f, gp II, £41,816, 10 ran).
Oct 2, 1993, Longchamp, heavy: (8-11) ¾l 2nd to Lost World (8-11) (1m, gp I, £143,369, 7 ran).

STAR SELECTION
Oct 23, 1993, Newbury, good to soft: (8-11) beat In Like Flynn (9-1) 1l (1m, cond, £4,204, 5 ran).
Sep 29, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Piccolo.
Sep 17, 1993, Newbury, good to soft: see King's Theatre.

STATE PERFORMER
Sep 18, 1993, the Curragh, good to yielding: (9-0) 10l 3rd to Mannitari (9-0) (7f, gp I, £60,100, 6 ran).
Sep 10, 1993, Doncaster, soft: see Unblest.
Jul 17, 1993, Newbury, good: (9-2) beat Bagshot (8-11) 3½l (6f, list, £11,575, 2 ran).

SUPLIZI
Apr 14, Newmarket, soft: see King's Theatre.
Oct 16, 1993, Newmarket, good: see Indhar.

TORCH ROUGE
Apr 13, Newmarket, good to soft: see Canaska Dancer.
Sep 29, 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Piccolo.
Aug 18, 1993, York, good: see Unblest.

UNBLEST
Apr 13, Newmarket, good to soft: see Canaska Dancer.
Sep 10, 1993, Doncaster, soft: (8-11) beat State Performer (8-11) (7f, gp II, £38,274, 4 ran).
Aug 18, 1993, York, good: (9-0) head 2nd to Turtle Island (9-5) with Torch Rouge (9-0) 2½l 3rd and Mister Baileys (9-3) 3¾l 6th (6f, gp II, £56,619, 8 ran).

Selection: KING'S THEATRE

THUNDERER

1.55 Overbury
2.30 Lucky Guest
3.00 Subzero
3.40 Redoubtable
4.15 Tropical
4.45 DOUBLE BLUE (nap)
5.20 Night Bell

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.55 **ZALDIVAR** (nap). 3.00 Subzero. 3.40 King's Theatre.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 **DOUBLE BLUE.**

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.55 MULTIYORK CULFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,396: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

101 (7) 42113-0 OVERBURY 7 (F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-3 ... L Dettori [illegible]
102 (5) 016-5 BLAAZING JOE 14 (G) (Mrs L Gardiner) P Cole 8-13 ... T Quinn 93
103 (2) 1 NEW REPUTATION 18 (CD,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-13 ... M Hills 93
104 (6) 0-4 FOIL STONE 18 (Lady Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... B Raymond 86
105 (1) 02-61 IRISH SENOR 11 (G) (A Chidley) J Banks 8-11 ... J Quinn 80
106 (3) 0 POLTARF 18 (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 ... M J Kinane 78
107 (4) 3 ZALDIVAR 18 (BF) (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 86

BETTING: 11-4 Overbury, 7-2 New Reputation, 4-1 Zaldivar, 5-1 Blaazing Joe, 7-1 Foil Stone, 8-1 others.

1993: COMMANDER IN CHIEF 8-13 Pat Eddery (2-5 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

2.30 MAYER PARRY RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£9,942: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

201 (7) 0/12511- CHATOYANT 212 (CD,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-9-7 ... W R Swinburn 94
202 (4) 012130- FORTHWITH 181 (CD,G,S) (Clarendon Park Stud) J Hills 4-9-6 ... M Hills 92
203 (6) 311/20- YAWL 329 (C,F,S) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 4-9-5 ... D Holland [illegible]
204 (1) 41110/ PALATIAL STYLE 936 (D,F,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) A Foster 7-9-5 ... J Fortune 00
205 (5) 2100-32 WAINWRIGHT 16 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 5-8-13 ... L Dettori 98
206 (8) 24103-0 LUCKY GUEST 18 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 7-8-13 L Piggott 91
207 (2) 5/418- BELLA BALLERINA 334 (G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 4-8-11 ... J Reid 81
208 (11) 413420- SEEK THE PEARL 218 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-8-11 B Raymond 91
209 (10) 530400- BOLOARDO 198 (F,S) (B Vosk) C Brittain 5-8-10 ... M Roberts 90
210 (3) 131200/ POLONEZ PRIMA 560 (C,F,G) (D Tunney) J Banks 7-8-7 ... J Quinn —
211 (9) 22100-0 GONE TROPPO 18 (D,F) (L Martropoulos) H Cecil 4-8-7 ... W Ryan 98

Long handicap: Polonez Prima 8-6, Gone Troppo 7-12.

BETTING: 4-1 Wainwright, 9-2 Chatoyant, 5-1 Lucky Guest, Yawl, 8-1 Bella Ballerina, Forthwith, 10-1 others.

1993: MUHAYAA 4-8-13 W R Swinburn (16-1) A Scott 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHATOYANT beat American Swinger 1½l in handicap over course and distance (good). FORTHWITH beat SEEK THE PEARL (9lb better off) 5l in listed race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). YAWL head 2nd to Gisarne in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). WAINWRIGHT head 2nd to Windrush Lady in handicap over course and distance (1m 2f, good), with LUCKY GUEST (7lb better off) 10l 8th and GONE TROPPO (1lb better off) 11l 11th.
Selection: WAINWRIGHT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre (Fr)	7	20	35.0	W R Swinburn	62	365	17.0
H Cecil	55	278	19.8	S Webster	3	18	16.7
J Gosden	48	267	18.0	W Carson	68	480	14.2
P Chapple-Hyam	14	81	17.3	M Roberts	63	471	13.4
M Stoute	43	258	16.7	L Dettori	56	438	12.8

3.00 OWEN BROWN TENTS FOR EVENTS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,347: 5f) (9 runners) (C4)

301 (8) 0 DELIGHTFUL DANCER 37 (I Twigden) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland —
302 (5) 2 GOLD TRAIL 30 (BF) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 ... C Asmussen 90
303 (1) 0 MEHTAR 18 (Shaik Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) J Bethell 9-0 ... A Munro —
304 (3) MOON KING (M Suhail) R Hannon 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
305 (2) 6 NAFTA 28 (P Silver) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills —
306 (4) 2 SRI PEKAN 22 (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn [illegible]
307 (7) SUBZERO (P Savill) M Stoute 9-0 ... K Darley —
308 (9) BRING ON THE CHOIR (B Gover) R Boss 8-9 ... M Roberts —
309 (6) 0 FAIJOURA 17 (Shaik Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) Miss G Kelleway 8-9 R Cochrane —

BETTING: 5-2 Subzero, 4-1 Gold Trail, Sri Pekan, 11-2 Moon King, 7-1 Delightful Dancer, 8-1 Nafta, 10-1 others.

1993: GOLD LAND 9-0 A Munro (2-1 fav) P Cole 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DELIGHTFUL DANCER 11l 12th of 15 to Mind Games in conditions race at Doncaster (5f, good). GOLD TRAIL 2l 2nd of 8 to Princely Hush in maiden auction at Leicester (5f, soft). MOON KING (foaled Apr 14): Half-brother by Cadeaux Genereux to 6f juvenile winner Mithl Al Hawa; dam 5f juvenile winner. SRI PEKAN 1½l 2nd to Princely Hush in conditions race at Lingfield (5f, heavy). SUBZERO (Feb 29, 46,000gns): dam 7f winner at three years.
Selection: GOLD TRAIL

3.40 MADAGANS 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)
(Group I: £131,948: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: 1m) (23 runners)

FOR RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

4.15 PALACE HOUSE STAKES (C4)
(Group III: £20,406: 5f) (14 runners)

501 (9) 311131- LOCHSONG 209 (D,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 6-9-2 ... L Dettori 98
502 (13) 102150- SURPRISE OFFER 175 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 4-8-11 ... B Raymond 85
503 (7) 53311-1 BLYTON LAD 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) M Camacho 8-8-11 ... S Webster 93
504 (3) 114234- MATELOT 33 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 4-8-11 ... T Jarnet 89
505 (14) 020-111 STEPANOV 255 (D,G) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 4-8-11 ... G Hind 68
506 (8) 00044-5 UP AND AT 'EM 35 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Hughes) J Berry 4-8-11 ... J Carroll 83
507 (2) 35110-2 BUNTY BOO 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) R Hannon 5-8-8 ... J Reid 86
508 (1) 031521- MY-O-MY 212 (CD,G) (R Sangster) T Stack (Ire) 4-8-8 ... M Roberts 86
509 (11) 54020-2 SPLICE 18 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 5-8-8 ... W R Swinburn 89
510 (10) 012122- STACK ROCK 209 (C,D,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 7-8-8 ... K Fallon 96
511 (12) 431115- TROPICAL 209 (B,D,F,G) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 4-8-8 ... M J Kinane [illegible]
512 (5) 33215-5 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs L Middlebrook) M Usher 5-8-1 ... A Munro 78
513 (6) 1115-33 PALACEGATE JACK 14 (B,D,F,S) (Palacegate Corp) J Berry 3-8-0 ... K Darley 82
514 (4) 3211-4 PETULA 18 (D,F,G) (M Khan) M Bell 3-7-11 ... W Carson 83

BETTING: 11-4 Lochsong, 4-1 Tropical, 5-1 Stack Rock, 7-1 Blyton Lad, Matelot, 10-1 others.

1993: PARIS HOUSE 4-8-10 J Carroll (9-1) J Berry 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOCHSONG beat STACK ROCK (8lb better off) 6l in 11-runner group I Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, heavy) last October, with TROPICAL (9lb better off) 1¾l 5th. BLYTON LAD beat BUNTY BOO (2lb worse off) 1½l in 5-runner conditions race at Pontefract (5f, good). MATELOT beat Lord Fatik 1l in 6-runner listed race at Maisons-Laffitte (6f, heavy). MY-O-MY beat SPLICE (3lb better off) ½l in 10-runner listed race over course and distance (good) last September, with BLYTON LAD (2lb better off) a neck 3rd and SURPRISE OFFER 1½l 5th. TROPICAL beat STACK ROCK 2½l in 10-runner group III Flying Five at Leopardstown (5f, good) last September, with UP AND AT 'EM (4lb worse off) 1l and a neck 4th.
Selection: TROPICAL

4.45 LADBROKES HANDICAP (£12,623: 6f) (18 runners) (C4)

601 (14) 351402- BALLASECRET 154 (D,F,G,S) (R Adams) R Dickin 6-10-0 ... D Meredith (5) 86
602 (17) 000500- POKER CHIP 211 (F,G) (J Smith) I Balding 4-9-12 ... L Dettori 88
603 (2) 52101-1 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 31 (D,G,S) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 4-9-10 ... T Quinn 89
604 (16) 024400- HEAVENLY RISK 211 (D,F,G) (Robdvale Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-10 ... B Raymond 87
605 (10) 03004-1 DOUBLE BLUE 16 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 5-9-9 ... J Weaver [illegible]
606 (11) 20000-0 CASTLEREA LAD 35 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 5-9-9 ... W Ryan 90
607 (13) 00210-5 MISS HAGGIS 36 (C,D,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 5-9-6 ... M Roberts 86
608 (18) 041-220 SAMSOLOM 56 (CD,F,G) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 6-9-5. K Darley 90
609 (6) 6030-00 MACS MAHARANEE 7 (D,F,G) (J Martin) P Felgate 7-9-2 ... G Hind 89
610 (9) 521- DESERT GREEN 238 (D,F) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 5-9-1 ... P D'Arcy 88
611 (12) 004-400 SO RHYTHMICAL 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs C Eden) G Eden 10-8-12 ... A Munro 92
612 (8) 1000-20 MOON STRIKE 26 (CD,F,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-12 Emma O'Gorman (3) 88
613 (1) 320100- PRINCESS OBERON 212 (C,F,G) (R Michaelson) M Bell 4-8-10 ... M Hills 87
614 (4) 00-111 BELLO GALLICO 12 (CD,G,S) (M Marzion) R Hannon 3-8-7 ... L Piggott 94
615 (3) 630-000 GREAT HALL 12 (B,D,G) (P Dimmock) P Gundell 5-8-4 ... J Williams 93
616 (7) 350/00/ DRY POINT 730 (CD,F,G) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toller 8-7-13 ... S Dawson —
617 (5) 3P-3341 RAPIER POINT 15 (D,G) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 3-7-12 ... J Quinn 97
618 (15) 480/021 JATO 15 (G) (Mrs M Southcott) S Williams 5-7-10 ... A Mackay 92

BETTING: 7-1 Castlerea Lad, 8-1 Double Blue, 10-1 Bello Gallico, Desert Green, Miss Haggis, 12-1 others.

1993: CASTLEREA LAD 4-8-10 W Ryan (10-1) R Hollinshead 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHAMPAGNE GRANDY beat MCA Below The Line 2¾l in 13-runner handicap at Catterick (7f, good). DOUBLE BLUE beat Maid O'Cannie 8l in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to soft). DESERT GREEN beat Desert Champ 1½l in 14-runner maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) last September. MOON STRIKE 2l 2nd of 8 to Agwa in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f), with SO RHYTHMICAL (3lb worse off) ¾l and a neck 4th. BELLO GALLICO beat Sweet Whisper ½l in 6-runner rated stakes at Brighton (6f, good). RAPIER POINT beat Waterlake Music 7l in 4-runner maiden at Thirsk (6f, good). JATO beat Glen Miller 1¾l in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good).
Selection: DOUBLE BLUE

5.20 CHIPPENHAM PARK MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,072: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 22-0 ALLEZ CYRANO 16 (J Pearce) M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 86
2 (2) 2 NIGHT BELL 16 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori 97
3 (4) 05- ROSSINI BLUE 206 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-0 ... B Raymond 71
4 (5) 024- TABOOK 189 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
5 (1) 3-0 MUR TAASHA 17 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-9 ... W Carson 85
6 (6) 32- ZIFTA 222 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9 ... M J Kinane 82

BETTING: 9-4 Night Bell, 11-4 Zifta, 7-2 Tabook, 6-1 Rossini Blue, 7-1 Allez Cyrano, 8-1 Mur Taasha.

1993: BIG SKY 9-0 W Ryan (5-2) H Cecil 9 ran

Celestial Key on favourable mark

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

1.00: *Learmont* looks capable of defying top weight at the expense of Fox Sparrow and Tulu. John Gosden's colt shaped well when second in a Newmarket handicap.

1.30: Numbered Account, who will not be inconvenienced by this drop back to five furlongs, can take advantage of a useful weight concession. The speed he showed when winning at Newmarket will serve him well against Dollar Gamble and Mr M-E-N.

2.00: Selhurstpark Flyer must go close after his excellent Free Handicap effort but **Celestial Key** has much in his favour. The course and distance winner, will handle the ground and should reverse a recent defeat by Band On The Run on 8lb better terms.

NEWMARKET
C4

2.30: After two promising runs, **Wainwright** can make fitness tell. Chatoyant improved significantly last summer and could end up better than a handicapper.

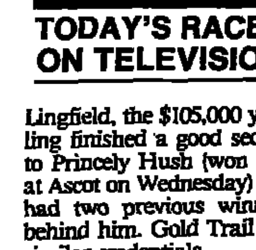
3.00: Sri Pekan is fancied by the Paul Cole yard. Despite hating the heavy ground at Lingfield, the $105,000 yearling finished a good second to Princely Hush (won well at Ascot on Wednesday) and had two previous winners behind him. Gold Trail has similar credentials.

3.40: see above

4.15: Blyton Lad is in peak form but will do well to cope with **Tropical**, who has wintered in Dubai. He floundered in the mud behind Lochsong in the Prix de l'Abbaye, but should relish today's conditions. Lochsong may need this.

4.45: Double Blue bolted in on the soft at Ripon but might find it hard to confirm that form. **Castlerea Lad** looks well treated, only 3lb higher than when completing a treble last term.

Julian Muscat



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GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.00 BOTANY BAY HANDICAP (BBC1)
(£4,822: 1m 3f 200yd) (6 runners)

1 (2) 64114-2 LEARMONT 17 (D,BF,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-10-0 ... J Carroll 96
2 (1) 0421-13 FOX SPARROW 26 (BF,S) (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 4-9-8 ... S Raymont 90
3 (6) 212-050 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 35 (D,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 6-9-1 L Charnock [illegible]
4 (3) 521500 MAD MILITANT 14 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 5-8-6 ... S Perks 94
5 (4) 46300- LEGION OF HONOUR 254 (CD,F,S) (Robsos Pts) M Naughton 6-7-13 B Doyle (3) 93
6 (5) 6003-11 TULU 12 (G,S) (M Houlston) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-7 ... J Lowe 96

Long handicap: Tulu 7-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Tulu, 5-2 Learmont, 4-1 Mad Militant, 6-1 Fox Sparrow, 7-1 others.

1993: LEGION OF HONOUR 5-8-7 V Halliday (9-1) M Naughton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

LEARMONT 2½l 2nd of 10 to Bit On The Side in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). FOX SPARROW 13½l 3rd of 15 to Swift Silver in a handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, soft). LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 2¼l 8th of 24 to Our Rita in a handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). MAD MILITANT 9½l 10th of 12 to Wayne County in a conditions race at Thirsk (1m 4f, good). Finished 2l 3rd of 9 to Holy Wanderer in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) in December with LEGION OF HONOUR (7lb better off) 8½l 5th. TULU beat Tiger Claw 3½l in a 22-runner ladies handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good).
Selection: LEARMONT

1.30 LODGE LANE CONDITIONS STAKES (BBC1)
(3-Y-O: £4,298: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (6) 2142-14 DOLLAR GAMBLE 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Leek) R Hannon 9-10 ... Mark Denaro (7) 94
2 (3) 4601-53 MR M-E-N 4 (D,G,S) (Manchester Evening News) J Berry 9-10 ... J Carroll 86
3 (2) 315241- YA MALAK 208 (D,G,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 9-10 ... W Hood 93
4 (5) 3-1 NUMBERED ACCOUNT 18 (G) (Highclere Racing Ltd) W Haggas 9-4 ... R Hills 94
5 (4) 1- BETTYKIMVIC 311 (D,G) (J Patrick Barry) E Alston 8-13 ... P Robinson 76
6 (1) 13222-5 KNAYTON LASS 24 (D,F) (Mrs J Davenport) M W Easterby 8-13 ... T Lucas [illegible]

BETTING: 2-1 Ya Malak, 5-2 Numbered Account, 5-1 Dollar Gamble, 6-1 Knayton Lass, 7-1 others.

1993: PALACEGATE EPISODE 3-9-3 J Carroll (5-6 fav) J Berry 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOLLAR GAMBLE 6l 4th of 7 to Pete Afrique in a handicap at Sandown (5f, soft). MR M-E-N 7¾l 3rd of 5 to Patto in a conditions race at Nottingham (5f, good to soft). YA MALAK beat Moscow Road 1½l in a 6-runner conditions race at Warwick (5f, soft). NUMBERED ACCOUNT beat Night Bell ½l in a 15-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). BETTYKIMVIC beat Indiahra short-head in a 5-runner maiden at Chester (5f, good). KNAYTON LASS finished neck 2nd of 5 to Bran in a listed race at Ayr (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: KNAYTON LASS

2.00 HAYDOCK PARK SPRING TROPHY HANDICAP (BBC1)
(Listed: £10,618: 7f 30yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 0601-42 MELLOTTIE 7 (F,G) (Mrs J Fulton) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-7 ... J Lowe 94
2 (1) 2320-03 CELESTIAL KEY 17 (CD,F,G) (M Brodrick) S Norton 4-9-2 ... Paul Eddery [illegible]
3 (3) 1/602-0 CHADDLEWORTH 18 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-11 ... B Thomson 92
4 (2) 52200-5 TAUFAN BLU 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (Hambleton Lodge Ltd) B Beasley 5-8-7 ... R Hills 97
5 (5) 356-010 BAND ON THE RUN 3 (D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 7-8-7 ... P Robinson 94
6 (4) 11231-3 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 17 (F,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 3-8-5 ... J Carroll 94

Long handicap: Band On The Run 8-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Mellottie, 3-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 4-1 Celestial Key, 5-1 Taufan Blu, 6-1 others.

1993: LITTLE BEAN 4-9-3 Paul Eddery (9-4) G Wragg 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MELLOTTIE 2¾l 2nd of 5 to Polien Count in a listed race at Leicester (7f, soft). CHADDLEWORTH 9l 8th of 12 to Madhish in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good). TAUFAN BLU 6¾l 5th of 6 to Lord Olivier in a conditions race at Thirsk (6f, good). BAND ON THE RUN beat Absolute Magic 1½l in an 11-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start with CELESTIAL KEY (8lb better off) short-head 3rd. SELHURSTPARK FLYER ½l 3rd of 10 to Bluegrass Prince in Free Handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft).
Selection: SELHURSTPARKFLYER

2.35 DERBYSHIRE HILL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,649: 7f 30yd) (11 runners)

1 (7) BRONZANDO (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... S Parks —
2 (1) DERRICKS REFUSAL (G Famdon) J Wilson 9-0 ... P Robinson —
3 (4) FROZEN SEA (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... J Carroll —
4 (6) 3-5 GENERAL SHIRLEY 23 (BF) (C Wright) P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter 84
5 (11) 4 HAPPY HOSTAGE 12 (J Morrison) M Johnston 9-0 ... R Hills 72
6 (3) 0- RINUS MANOR 192 (A Proost) D McCain 9-0 ... G Bardwell —
7 (8) ROOD MUSIC (M Johnson) M Meagher 9-0 ... J Lowe —
8 (9) 00 STRATUM 10 (Fahd Salman) R Hannon 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
9 (10) NONOTNEVER (Mrs J Joyes) K McAuliffe 8-9 ... D Harrison —
10 (2) 3 PHOENIX VENTURE 20 (Dr F Chao) S Woods 8-9 ... W Woods [illegible]
11 (5) WOOD MELODY (B Farr) J Glover 8-9 ... Dean McKeown —

BETTING: 6-4 Frozen Sea, 9-2 Phoenix Venture, 5-1 General Shirley, 6-1 Happy Hostage, 7-1 others.

1993: FEATHER FACE 3-9-0 W Newnes (3-1) M McCormack 6 ran

3.05 TAPSTER'S MOSS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,493: 1m 2f 120yd) (8 runners)

1 (3) EVERT (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 8-11 ... A McGlone —
2 (5) 5- LITTLE SISTER 182 (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 94
3 (2) 5223-5 MICROLITE 30 (Planning Consultancy Ltd) P Cole 8-11 ... C Rutter [illegible]
4 (1) 40- MWAARED 190 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 ... W Newnes 87
5 (6) 0-3 NORMA'S LADY 22 (Wolters Racing) G Wragg 8-11 ... F Norton 86
6 (4) RAINBOW MOUNTAIN (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 8-11 ... P Robinson —
7 (8) 36- SAMHEH 177 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 ... R Hills 80
8 (7) 054-0 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 30 (B) (F Kalla) P Kelleway 8-11 ... D Harrison 86

BETTING: 5-2 Rainbow Mountain, 11-4 Little Sister, 7-2 Evert, 5-1 Samheh, 6-1 Microlite, 7-1 others.

1993: GISARNE 3-8-11 W Newnes (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 7 ran

3.35 EBF GALLOWS HALL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,532: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (7) 3 AT LIBERTY 10 (B Adams) R Hannon 9-0 ... S Raymont 88
2 (2) 2 IMPULSIVE AIR 16 (T Scothern) E Weymes 9-0 ... D Harrison [illegible]
3 (5) 4 KUHAILAN 22 (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) J Berry 9-0 ... S D Williams —
4 (4) PELLEMAN (M Berger) R Boss 9-0 ... W Woods —
5 (1) 0 SAMAKA HARA 16 (S Bamingham) N Tinkler 9-0 ... Kim Tinkler —
6 (8) 06 SHARP SHOWER 16 (D Allen) B McMahon 9-0 ... J Lowe 82
7 (3) TWICE AS SHARP (Formula Twelve) P Harris 9-0 ... P Robinson —
8 (6) WHAT A NIGHTMARE (J Glover) J Glover 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —

BETTING: 5-2 Impulsive Air, 3-1 At Liberty, Kuhailan, 7-1 Pelleman, Twice As Sharp, 12-1 others

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.05 DEAN MOOR HANDICAP (£3,904: 1m 6f) (13 runners)

1 (8) 51400-1 KADASTROF 16 (D,G,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 4-9-13 ... C Rutter 96
2 (13) 25250-0 SNOW BOARD 11 (B,F,G) (D Soley) Mrs A Swinbank 5-9-10 ... P Robinson 88
3 (3) 24-1300 WHITE WILLOW 10 (D,G,S) (H North) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7 ... G Parkin (7) 94
4 (11) 51-1530 POINCIANA 26 (F,G) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 5-9-4 ... W Newnes 90
5 (2) 60625/1 LE BARON PERCHE 23 (F,S) (Miss J King) C James 5-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 98
6 (5) 280-4 THE LAUGHING LORD 15 (BF) (D Thornton) M Pipe 8-8-10 ... B Thomson 95
7 (6) 00236-2 PRIMO FIGLIO 12 (B,S) (Townville Racing) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9 ... D Harrison 92
8 (4) 04100-4 GUESTWICK 11 (F) (J Naughton) D Thom 4-8-9 ... D R McCabe (5) 96
9 (9) 0300-15 ARGYLE CAVALIER 7 (G,S) (E Jones Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-7 ... Dean McKeown [illegible]
10 (10) 632323 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 30 (D,BF,G,S) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 4-8-4 ... N Carlisle 92
11 (1) 20322-1 JOLIS ABSENT 7 (F,S) (P Hart) M Ryan 4-7-13 ... G Bardwell 93
12 (12) 0543-62 JAMES IS SPECIAL 26 (CD,BF,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 6-7-10 C Hawksley (5) 95
13 (7) 364500- AMIARGE 239 (Mrs D Woods) M Brittain 4-7-7 ... J Lowe 89

Long handicap: Amiarge 7-5.

BETTING: 9-2 Kadastrof, 6-1 Jolis Absent, Le Baron Perche, 7-1 Primo Figlio, 8-1 Argyle Cavalier, 9-1 The Laughing Lord, White Willow, 10-1 James Is Special, Poinciana, 12-1 Snow Board, 14-1 Guestwick, 16-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

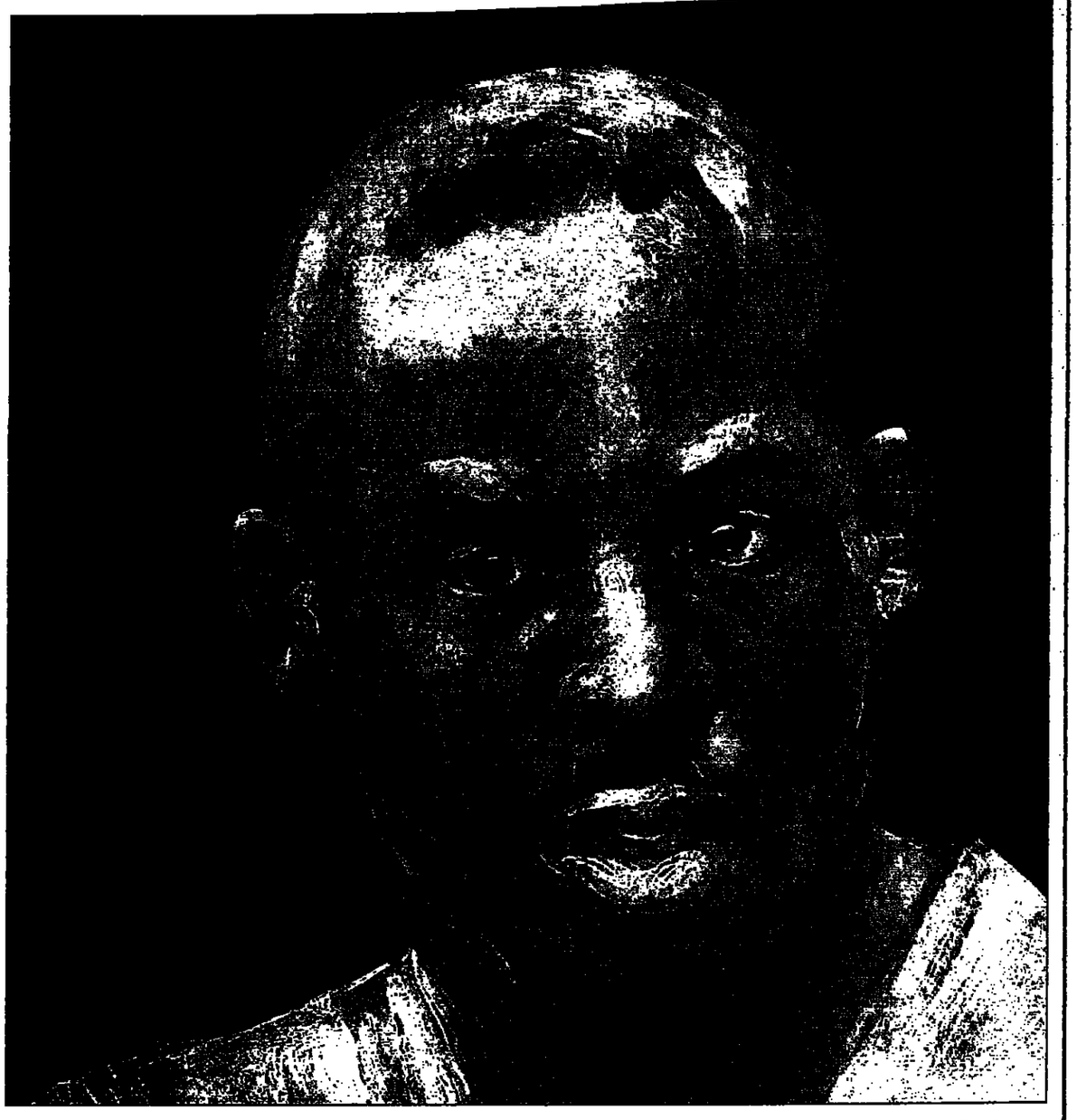
COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Wragg	5	13	38.5	W Newnes	8	48	16.7
H Cecil	16	42	38.1	C Rutter	5	35	14.3
R Boss	10	28	35.7	Paul Eddery	11	79	13.9
J Gosden	23	69	33.3	A McGlone	4	30	13.3
Bob Jones	5	15	33.3	J Carroll	17	149	11.4

Saturday portrait: Ellery Hanley by Simon Barnes

Peerless leader who draws strength from the sound of silence

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Let us start by listing as many irrefragable facts concerning Ellery Hanley as we can muster: 1, Ellery Hanley is the greatest rugby player ever; 2, er . . . ; 3, that's it.

Ah, the stillness of the mountain stream, the oppressive heat of the *English spring*, the public relations flair of Ellery Hanley. And it goes on: such stamina, such longevity. Hanley is still, at 33, a rugby footballer of genius; is still, at 33, in a decade long sulk, hence the truncated list, à la *Private Eye*.

Hanley took Wigan to unprecedented heights of sustained achievement throughout the Eighties. Eventually, sulking with Wigan over contracts — he thought, rightly, that Wigan underestimated his longevity and value — he moved to Leeds, as player-coach-captain, and by one of sport's traditional little ironies, he and Leeds take on Wigan this afternoon in the Challenge Cup final at Wembley.

Hanley carries an injury, a sore hamstring, but will play. He suffers more injuries these days, heals a mite slower, carries a little less burning pace. Go and tell him he is finished, if you want to earn the red badge of courage.

In the semi-final against St Helens a few weeks ago, we had Hanley Unbound, Hanley carelessly casting off the shackles of age. Towering, inspiring, he scored two tries. The speed of hand and foot has diminished a little, but never the speed of thought.

Brooding, malevolent, venomous, he is a grim, driving figure in an absurd little tricorn cap of hair; perhaps the most intense ball-player I have ever seen. That is the only way he has ever allowed the world to see him: as his opponents do, fearsome, smouldering, utterly unforgiving.

It was not ever thus. Years ago, I spoke to him about individual flair, he being, then, a flashy individualist: "People always see the man who carries the ball. Me. People don't understand that it is the forwards who win the match for you. I just finish it. They win the game, I get the glory. These grafters and workers and tacklers, they are jubilating with me when I score a try, but I am jubilating with them when they make a tackle. I am saying, I wish I'd done that."

Hanley has played at centre, stand-off and wing, but he converted to loose forward seven years ago. The try-count dwindled a little; the tackle-count and the leadership abilities soared. He regularly clocks up 40 shuddering tackles in a match. And as leader, he is a nonpareil.

He has played one gigantic game after another: I remember his performance in winning the Challenge Cup final for Wigan in 1989. Even in the dressing-room afterwards, his eyes were like flint. "It was a professional performance," he said, accurate enough if your profession is demolition.

> 'He has attempted to have fame on his own terms and has found that this is impossible'

He has never been a joyful player, never exuberant, never one to make life seem easy. He has chosen an unrelenting cycle of work, team, achievement, victory. He is a man who inspires not affection but respect.

At least, in outsiders. In private life — a term Hanley defines to mean every aspect of life not actually involving a paying audience — he may be all kinds of things: gentle, charming, chatty, funny. But in his public life, he has taken the lonely road of silence. He has attempted to have fame on his own terms and he has found, as so many others have done, that this is impossible.

He is part of a trinity of British sporting press-loathers, joining Daley Thompson and Linford Christie. The three people have something in common besides excellence. Good spot: yes, they are all black. Each has reached the pinnacle of his sport because, not in spite of, a turbulent nature. I cannot find it in my heart to blame these people for mistrusting, even to the point of loathing, a white press corps. Like all great achievers, Hanley makes good copy no matter what he does. For example, there is the Significant Gap in the CV. He signed as a professional for Bradford Northern in 1978, but did not make his mark for two or three seasons.

The reason was his own troubled and turbulent youth. He has been asked too many questions about this. He even answered some, back in his talking days: "When I look back on those times and the way I behaved, I am not disgusted, because I feel I learnt from it. By going through that rough period I can now see both sides of life, and while I would not recommend it to anyone else, it has at least made me more aware."

Aware, no doubt, of white society's potential for vindictiveness, among many other things. "It was a good couple of years before it came home to me that I either had to pull my thumb out and change my ways, or waste the chances on offer. When I go out on the field now, I am calm and disciplined. My discipline comes from the lessons I've learnt in the hard times. They've stood me in great stead."

But Hanley gave up talking altogether after a story about his private life led to a predictable bout of media door-stepping. He decided that all media people were evil. He took the choice (and who shall blame him?) to give the world nothing more, nothing but his immense performances on the pitch.

That was barring a brief, mildly hilarious flirtation with American football, when he trained for the London Monarchs and gave in to some of that sport's more comprehensive ideas of public relations. It was an odd blip in the pattern for an intense, single-minded man. Hanley never actually played for the Monarchs, but his involvement gave the World League of American Football the publicity fillip it needed.

Hanley has done his own sport no such favours. His talent for leadership seems boundless and it is possible that he will become as fine a manager as he has been a player.

Yet managers are the public face, the public voice of their teams and that is a role Hanley has refused to take on. That is his business, but it is a problem for possible future employers.

Hanley is as an uncompromising a character as you could wish to meet and the thing about uncompromising characters is that they tend not to meet you halfway. Hanley has always needed somebody to beat, somebody to hate. He needs to live life on his terms. But how to define those terms? Some like to have an enemy. For Hanley, an enemy is one of life's necessities. Without an enemy, there is no inspiration. Hanley has risen to colossal heights in his sport inspired by a desire to beat the opposition and to spite the media. He once — once — filled in a questionnaire. Under "likes", he wrote: "Proving people wrong, especially journalists. I like it when people put me down and I am able to make them eat their words."

Hanley has used his hatred of journalists as a potent inspiration, rather as James Joyce used his own equally petty, equally irrational hatreds in the creation of a masterpiece. The irony is that Hanley's hated, sworn enemy, the legion of sporting and rugby league writers, are all on the side of excellence. Listen, Ellery: you and those journos are on the same side and always have been. How do you like that?

Woking finally return to Wembley

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

WOKING reached their first Wembley final since they won the 1958 FA Amateur Cup when they beat Enfield 3-0 in the FA Trophy semi-final replay at Adams Park on Tuesday.

Neither side had looked like yielding over two tightly contested legs, but Woking received their opening when Lee Francis, the Enfield full back, was sent off in the thirteenth minute for committing fouls in quick succession on Colin Fielder. Darran Hay, who scored twice, and Scott Steele, went on to clinch the GM Vauxhall Conference side's Wembley place against Runcorn on May 21.

Enfield's fixture backlog has forced the Diadora League to extend the season beyond next Saturday, but they still need Stevenage Borough to slip up to return to the Conference. Stevenage are hastily completing £1 million building work to meet Conference guidelines.

Enfield have six league matches to play and on Monday meet Chertsey Town in the League Cup final. Graham Roberts, the player-manager, said: "All I want my players to do is go out and enjoy themselves because they've had a fantastic season."

Top of the table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stevenage	40	29	4	7	94	39	91
Enfield	38	24	6	8	70	37	78
Marlow	39	24	6	9	89	65	78
Chesham	40	23	7	10	69	44	76

The race to take the Conference place between the Beazer Homes League clubs will go the distance, with Farnborough Town and Cheltenham Town both scrapping to regain recently lost status. Crawley Town, who have been working hard to bring Town Mead up to scratch, suffered a blow to their hopes when beaten 2-0 at home by Chelmsford on Tuesday.

Top of the table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cheltenham	40	21	12	7	65	34	75
Farnborough	39	22	7	10	62	44	73
Halesowen	39	20	9	10	65	43	69
Crawley	38	20	8	10	53	40	68

In the Northern Premier League, Marine's three-sided ground rules them out of Conference contention, so it is Leek Town who are trying to satisfy Conference conditions.

Dream spirits Leeds into realm of kings

As rugby league's day of reckoning arrives, **Christopher Irvine** rates the heavyweights

THE trouble with dream finals involving Wigan is that the opposition usually end up in the same old nightmare. A meeting with Leeds has a ring of Manchester United v Liverpool, which is about the difference between the two sides today at Wembley.

Rugby league has been waiting 97 years for this day. The two most successful clubs in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Wigan 14 wins, Leeds ten) have avoided one another like prowling heavyweights. Their first confrontation in the final is also Leeds' first in 16 mostly barren years.

In 1984, Wigan returned to Wembley after a 14-year absence and lost to Widnes. Feelings of unfamiliarity are bound to strike Leeds. Against opponents who have forgotten what it is to lose at their second home, the trick is avoiding stage fright while containing the inevitable Wigan surge in the first 20 minutes.

As St Helens, Castleford, Halifax and Warrington can each testify, finals against Wigan can be over having only just started. Harvey Howard and Richard Eyres, of Leeds, were members of the Widnes pack that performed the containment well enough last year, but Eyres's dismissal for a reckless challenge on Martin Offiah demonstrated that discipline must be the key accompaniment.

Leeds' new blend of prodigies and elder statesmen is as good a team as any produced at Headingley since the last of their Challenge Cup victories, in 1978. Importantly, the spirit is willing, as it has not always been in the past, although breaking Wigan's six-year monopoly of the sport's most cherished prize might, at this stage, be asking too much.

TEAM: A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, T Cummins; G Holroyd, G Schofield; N Harmon, J Lowes, H Howard, G Mercer, R Eyres, E Hanley (captain). Substitutes: M O'Neill, M Vassilakopoulos.

PATH TO THE FINAL: 40-18 at Rochdale Hornets; 38-4 v Warrington, 33-10 v Bradford Northern; 20-8 v St Helens (at Central Park, Wigan).

CHALLENGE CUP RECORD: Won: 1910, 1923, 1932, 1936, 1941, 1942, 1957, 1968, 1977, 1978. Finalists: 1943, 1947, 1971, 1972.

Castleford showed in the Regal Trophy final in January that it is not impossible. The mental scars of that were removed by a fifth successive championship title won last Sunday and the physical ones of a debilitating injury crisis have all healed. This week, too, Wigan have suffered none of the anxieties Leeds have.

Ellery Hanley's troubled hamstring is not 100 per cent. Having endured far more pain on his last final appearance, for Wigan in 1991, his place was never really in doubt. Deprived of their captain and totem, Leeds really would have been whistling in the dark.

Shaun Edwards and Garry Schofield, then of Hull, last met on their Wembley debuts a decade ago and their duel at scrum half will have possibly the most important bearing on the most eagerly-awaited final in the competition's history.

The cameos alone are worth the entrance fee. Va'aiga Tuigamala has played marginally less first team rugby league than Francis Cummins, his opposite number on the Leeds wing. The former All Black has taken some enormous strides, but not as quick as those of the fleet-footed Cummins, who will become the youngest finalist at 17.

Jim Fallon, on the other Leeds wing, has adapted more gradually since leaving Bath two years ago and is the first convert to appear in both cup finals of the two rugby codes. He marks Offiah, who is back at the very height of his rollercoaster this season.

Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, knows what it is to win at Wembley, having done so twice as a player and twice as coach of Widnes: "If we can wrap up Edwards and Botica at half back, I can see us giving them a right good going," he said. " I'd prefer Doncaster, but why shouldn't we be confident?"

On his last visit, John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, missed the kick that would have won the cup for Hull Kingston Rovers against Castleford in 1986. His side look a more sure-footed bet and, should they win for a seventh consecutive year, the knives out for Dorahy must surely be put away.

☐ Leeds have won the race to sign George Mann, the St Helens and New Zealand forward. Mann, who was out of contract, who had been linked with Auckland Warriors, has turned down a new deal from St Helens and is set to move to Leeds. The St Helensw chairman, Eric Ashton, said: "We have been negotiating a new contract with George, which he has turned down. We understand he is joining Leeds."

St Helens are demanding £150,000 for Mann, who has scored 23 tries in 140 matches for the club and played eight internationals.

TEAM: G Connolly; V Tuigamala, D Bell (captain), B-J Mather, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards; K Sherrett, M Dermott, A Platt, D Betts, A Farrell, P Clarke. Subs: S Panapa, M Cassidy.

PATH TO THE FINAL: 24-16 v Wakefield; 22-21 at Hull; 32-14 v Featherstone; 20-6 v Castleford (at Headingley).

CHALLENGE CUP RECORD: Won: 1924, 1929, 1948, 1951, 1958, 1959, 1965, 1985, 1988 to 1993. Finalists: 1911, 1920, 1944, 1946, 1961, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1984.



Offiah, the Wigan wing, at Wembley yesterday. His deeds there this afternoon will be crucial to the result. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Clubs must adjust to culture shock

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS is the time of year when rugby union players begin to say farewell — to another league season and, in some cases, to their clubs if relegation looms. They also begin to scrutinise the registration requirements pertinent to league rugby next season, which the Rugby Football Union (RFU) have revised in the hope of keeping within bounds the movement of players.

The RFU, whether coincidentally or not, agrees with the recommendation of the Senior Clubs Association's Taylor Report that, in future, no club in any of the top four divisions should register more than 50 players. Any player moving within, into or out of these four leagues, the fifth division north and south and the top league in each of the four regions must serve a 120-day qualifying period, while elsewhere a new 60-day period will apply.

"Precise regulations are essential for the orderly running of competitions and, while the new culture has not always been easy to accept, it is nevertheless now part of the game which is here to stay," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the RFU, said. Clearly, rugby's beloved ethos is out and culture (presumably ethos without that old-fashioned virtue, loyalty) is in.

The two clubs relegated from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, London Irish and Newcastle Gosforth, will watch warily to see how cultured 1994-95 will be.

The Irish spend their final hours against Bath, whose company would normally be of the highest quality. However, the champions, who had once hoped that Jeremy Guscott might be fit for their final league game, rest their first XV with an eye on the cup final next Saturday. Leicester, their opponents, do the same against Bristol since success or failure creates no adverse effect on the division as a whole.

The second division championship, however, has yet to be resolved and the two promoted teams play out the season together. For more than six months, West Hartlepool led, only to be overtaken on points difference last weekend by Sale, who visit West at Brierton Lane. If they can repeat their home victory of December, then Sale will be champions, a wholly-unexpected state of affairs a year ago when the Cheshire club was struggling to avoid relegation.

"The pressure's off so we both have the chance to show the country that the second division standard is pretty good," Paul Turner, the Sale player-coach, said. "We do entertain and that's the way we'll be attacking the first division." Whether they or West will do so with the same players remains to be seen, although both would stress that strength-in-depth is vital to their survival.

Sale have the signatures of Appleson, of London Scottish, Saverimutto, of Waterloo, Ashurst, of Orrell, and Liley, of Wakefield, to boost their existing squad, although summer is always a period of suspense when coaches wait to see if their recruiting bears positive fruit. Likewise, West are optimistic that three Scottish internationals will join them, though there are conflicting reports of the intentions of Nick Popplewell, the Ireland and British Lions prop's intentions.

"Lots of sides seem to have gone on a downward slope once they have been relegated," Dave Stubbs, the West coaching organiser, said. "We have worked very hard to make sure that didn't happen to us."

West spent 1991-92 in the first division and nearly avoided the drop; Stubbs believes that the extra maturity acquired that season has paid dividends in the second division and their planning for next season includes the employment of Barry Taylor, once coach to Manly and the Australian under-21 team, as director of coaching.

At the other end of the division, Otley are 'all but down, to be joined either by London Scottish or Rugby, one of the clubs fighting to stave off that sustained decline. In Wales, Pontypool have only to maintain Cross Keys's 100 per cent Heineken League record (every match lost) to remain in the first division where they will be joined next season by Treorchy and Abertillery.

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United bring another championship crown within reach

Cantona completes cosmopolitan blend

Rob Hughes, football correspondent, on the disparate talents that make up the English game's dominant force

With Manchester United on the brink of retaining the FA Carling Premiership, maybe it is time to consider what a fascinating, egalitarian life sport still provides. Egalitarian, with Manchester United?

Of course it is. Britain's most privileged club, driven by wealth and tradition, but its manager, Alex Ferguson, is something else. He began working life as a tool-maker's apprentice, and a part-time firebrand centre forward, in Glasgow. Today, he is the manager, decision maker, spokesman and father figure to a dressing-room of players that combines seven different nationalities.

Together, they cracked the barrier that United had faced for 26 years, waiting for that elusive title. However, to win the championship in successive seasons is also to become part of history — only Wolverhampton Wanderers, Liverpool and United themselves have achieved it in the last 44 years.

Moreover, Ferguson has had to conquer his own mood swings, his indecision, his seeds of doubt. When he first arrived at Old Trafford, he seemed bemused by the vast number of talents United could procure. If he knew his line-up and his strategies, few others did.

The new United, then, is remarkable. Over two full championship campaigns, the back five of Schmeichel, Parker, Bruce, Pallister and Irwin have missed, between them, only 16 out of a possible 405 league matches. A dozen of those came when Parker was overcoming serious injury in the summer of 1992.

Bruce, at 33 the old man of the defence, has not missed a game in 81 matches and has also played about 50 cup games. His partnership with Pallister was conjured in the mind of Ferguson. Pallister, for example, needed the consistency of Bruce to keep his mind on the job many times last season; this term, the dependency has reversed and, with Bruce perceptibly slowing, the speed of Pallister has cemented their partnership.

There is not just dependability and teamwork at the back. Ince, who came to Old Trafford with a surgeon's warning about a deep-seated groin condition, may tomorrow, against Ipswich, miss only his third game of two pulsating, dynamic seasons in midfield. Such consistency of selection, particularly with the demanding pace and fury of the English game, bespokes thorough physical conditioning — and, of course, a measure of fortune. United have been lucky that nobody has broken a limb, the cruel fate of Gallacher, Newell and Warhurst in their most dogged challengers, Blackburn Rovers.

Then there is Cantona, who has made such a difference. Ferguson has described him as "capable of providing moments of inspiration not seen in the British game for years". Indeed, with his swaggering self-confidence, his relish of applying spin and swerve to his passes, Cantona has been the archetypal team orchestrator. In addition, his habit of drifting back from the front line has drawn opponents into unfamiliar areas of the field, confused and disjointed their teams and created space and scope for the talents of Kanchelskis, Hughes and Giggs. In 53 league games since Cantona became their inspiration, United have lost but two.

The measure of the champions, of the hunger and tenacity that Ferguson has somehow sustained in a team of already wealthy and fulfilled young competitors, came at Elland Road on Wednesday. It was not only that Kanchelskis and Giggs came in from the wings to score delightful goals. Before that, when the right to play had to be fought for, there was a moment when Strachan threatened the United penalty area; before you could say his name, seven red shirts were put between him, the ball and Schmeichel's net. That is teamwork, a far better brand than the confrontational, ill-disciplined variety that appeared a month ago to threaten United's pedigree.

If there was a moment that brought the United team to its senses, it came after the Coca-Cola Cup final defeat to Aston Villa when Ferguson denied his players the right to speak to the press, to make even more money by their signed columns.

In effect, he was ordering them to concentrate on behaving like professional sportsmen. He also told them in the dressing-room: "If you can't get a thrill and satisfaction out of bidding for the championship in a neck-and-neck race, than it's all rather pointless." That is the last thing football is in Manchester. Next season, United can set a target of becoming the fourth team in 106 years of league history — following Huddersfield in the Twenties, Arsenal in the Thirties and Liverpool in the Eighties — to win three consecutive championships.

Townsend trains sights on Torrance

FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

THE eco-fanatics who labelled it Global Anti-Golf Day might just have had something to say if they had been listening to Jay Townsend yesterday. The American shot a 69 to move into a share of second place in the Air France Cannes Open, then talked of his plans to lay down his golf clubs for a spell and troop off to the forests of North America to slaughter some unsuspecting wildlife.

Townsend, who is alongside Pierre Fulke on 137, seven-under-par and four strokes behind Sam Torrance, admitted to his predilliction for killing dumb animals after revealing that quite suddenly he had discovered power off the tee such as he had never known before.

The only thing he could put all this added length down to — he is regularly hitting his three-wood up to 260 yards, a good 20 yards further than hitherto — was that he had been working out.

Pumping iron is not an unusual occurrence for professional golfers — even Nick Faldo has tried it, so it must be a good idea — but up to now it has been to make themselves fitter for playing golf. Townsend has different reasons for wanting to bounce with health. He wants to be fitter so that he can mow down black bears in the forests of Canada.

Townsend embarks on his odyssey of destruction in three weeks, when he will sit up a tree and wait for his ursine targets to lope innocently to their deaths. "I am going to be using a bow and arrow," he said, as if in mitigation. Well, that makes the whole thing a lot more even, then.

Not content with that, he intends to take another sabbatical in August to travel all the way to the mountains of Alaska, where he will hike up 13,000-foot mountains, there to pick off as many long-horned sheep as he can. He also has an AK47 for murdering deer, apparently. It takes all sorts . . .

Townsend said he was lucky to be playing at all this week. He has been suffering with a knot in his neck muscles and has had to dose himself up with medication to make it onto the fairways. There are a few black bears in Canada who are about to discover just what a pain in the neck he can be.

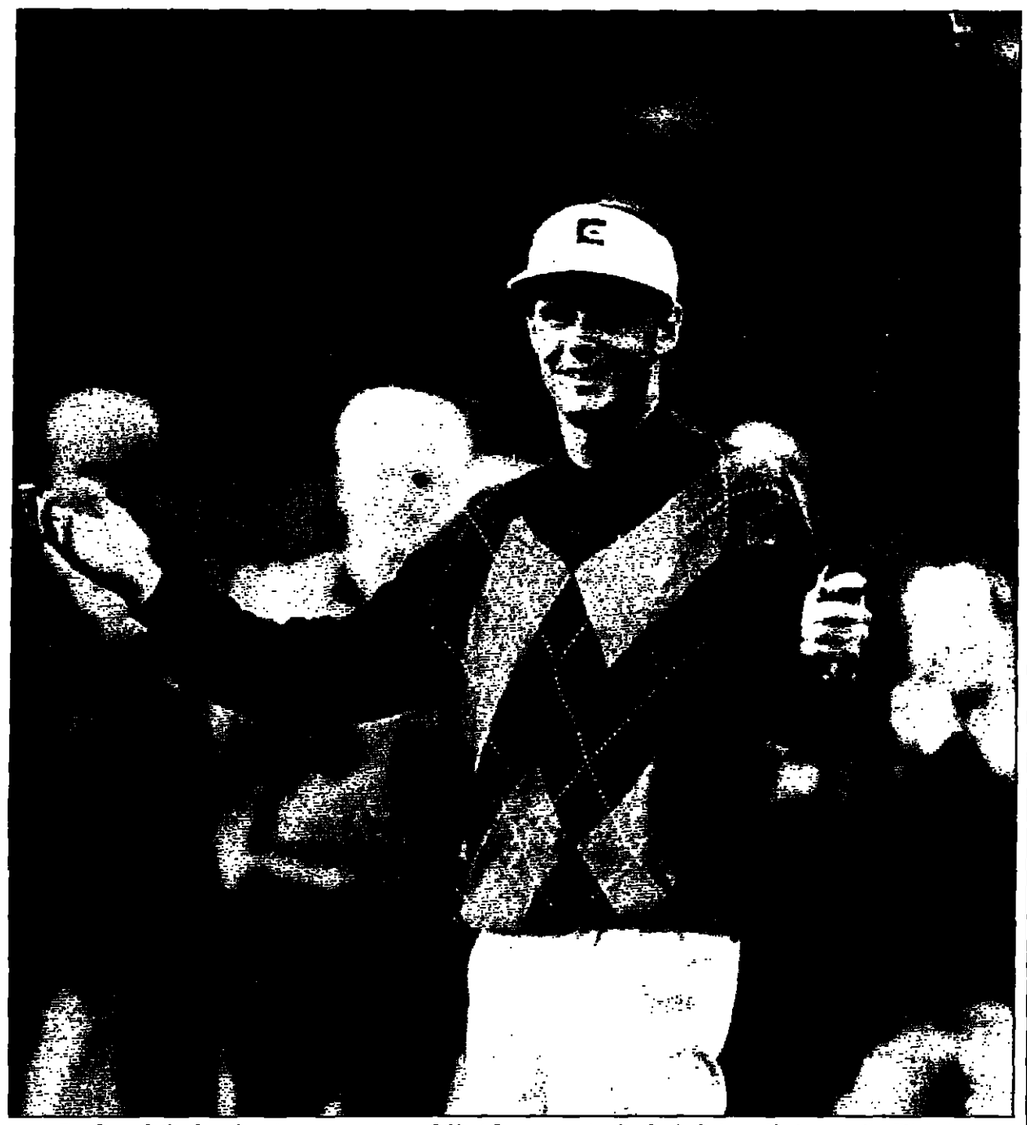
He started discouragingly, dropping a shot on the 1st hole, but then birdies on the 3rd and 8th, followed by two more on the 14th and 16th, both par-fives, took him a stroke clear of a gaggle of players a shot back on six under par.

Torrance, meanwhile, was hunting ornithology of his own. In spite of three bogeys, he put himself handsomely in credit with seven birdies. This followed seven more, plus an eagle, in his first-round 65. His foraging, armed with nothing more lethal than a broomhandle putter, has left him 11 under par and sitting pretty.

There was a sighting of an even rarer bird soon after lunch, when Anders Forsbrand shot an albatross two, only the tenth in his five years on the Tour. The Swede launched a three-iron second shot 256 yards at the 548-yard 7th and his attempt to look nonchalant when the ball fell in failed miserably.

After a display of such raw strength, he can think himself lucky that Mr Townsend did not have his Kalashnikov handy.

LEADING SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 133: S Torrance 65, 68. 137: J Townsend (US) 68, 69; P Fulke (Swe) 68, 69. 138: D Clarke 69, 69; G Brand Jr 70, 68; S Ames (Trin) 72, 66, W Riley (Aus) 69, 69; R Karlsson (Swe) 67, 71; S Luna (Sp) 69, 69; A Johnstone (Zim) 69, 69. 139: A Coltart 68, 71; R Claydon 72, 67, G Evans 69, 70; H Clark 70, 69; C Montgomerie 70, 69; R Drummond 69, 70; D J Russell 69, 70; B Lane 68, 71. 140: S Grappasonni (It) 68, 72; B Nelson (US) 71, 69; T Price (Aus) 69, 71; J Robinson 66, 74; G Orr, 69, 71; J Payne 72, 68; R Davis (Aus) 71, 69; G Turner (NZ) 72, 68. 141: M Mackenzie 71, 70; B Marchbank 70, 71; P O'Malley (Aus) 72, 69; D Smyth 72, 69; C Rocca (It) 70, 71; M Mouland 70, 71; M-A Martin (Sp) 68, 73; M McNulty (Zim) 72, 69.



Forsbrand, the Swede, whose second-round 68 at Cannes yesterday included an albatross at the 7th hole

Amateur plot leaves game missing cut

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH amateur golf is on display today and tomorrow for the first time this year, so there will be plenty of pomp. It is the circumstances that leave something to be desired.

There are few 72-hole amateur strokeplay events of national significance in England. Two of them — the Lytham Trophy, at St Annes Old Links and Royal Lytham and St Annes, and the Berkshire Trophy, at the club and in the county of that name — are held this weekend. With a bit of give and take, this overlap is surely avoidable.

"The English Golf Union [EGU] feels it is an unfortunate clash," Stuart Cookson, the president of the EGU, said. "These events are something that we would prefer to be held on different dates."

A couple of years ago, Royal Lytham asked to swap dates with The Berkshire, which was in June. The Lancashire club felt that its links course, by the Irish Sea, would be less fearsome in midsummer.

The change lasted only a brief time: "Our view was 'hell, you've messed us around once, we are not going to be messed around again'," Major Peter Clarke, the secretary of The Berkshire, said. "So we told them 'no'." The result is that the best amateurs do not get the chance to compete against one another on different courses in varying weather conditions.

These days, both fields are slightly diluted. The leading Scottish and Irish amateurs, as well as the Spanish amateur team on its way home from Scotland, are playing in Lancashire, while those top English players, who are based in the Midlands, are at The Berkshire. It is, in short, a classic British muddle. Sorry, compromise.

"Considering the southern event, we are happy with the entry we have received this year," Lytton Goodwin, the secretary of Royal Lytham, said. "We have a very strong field, too," Clarke said.

Tony McLure is defending the Lytham Trophy against a cast including Garth McGimpsey, the former Walker Cup player, Warren Bennett, who won the centenary Australian Amateur last month, and Steven Webster, who, with Anthony Wall, won the Sunningdale Foursomes.

Webster is 18, and the exposure will do him nothing but good, but think how much better it would have been if almost all the best amateurs were playing at the one venue, instead of just some of them.

Gardiner puts fizz back into Bucks

As the play-off finals get underway tonight,

Nicholas Harling profiles Derby's key man

AS A college-boy winner in the United States, Andy Gardiner had every right to think he would be in big demand on his return to Britain last summer. How wrong he was. Not even his old basketball club, Thames Valley Tigers, got in touch.

The only man to contact Gardiner after he had gained his Masters in social sciences was Kim Rudge, the owner and founder of Derby Bucks, who watched with immense satisfaction a couple of weeks ago as Gardiner put paid to Thames Valley's hopes of reaching the Budweiser League play-off finals this weekend with a characteristic performance that brought him 19 points and an important clutch of rebounds.

Derby's first visit to Wembley means that it will be only the second time that the league champions have not been represented.

Rudge had done his homework. With the help of tapes and the word of four American coaches whose teams had opposed Gardiner, he felt sure that this was the player for Derby. The 6ft 6in power forward had just helped Hawaii Pacific University become National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) champions for the first time at the finals in Kansas City, a feat that apparently went almost unnoticed back home.

"But it's not as if Hawaii is on the East Coast or the West Coast, is it?" Gardiner said with hindsight. "It's in the middle of the Pacific, a bit of a lost world."

Thames Valley's loss was Derby's considerable gain. Gardiner proceeded to catch the eye for more reasons than his shaven skull, the legacy of his failure to find a hairdresser in Honolulu to match the dexterity of his barber in Walthamstow.

"We're always on the look out for players with English eligibility who have American college experience," Rudge, who now also doubles up as Derby's coach, said. "I just knew he'd fit the bill."

Along with his Thames Valley team-mate, Roger Huggins, Gardiner had set out in 1989 for Hawaii Lowa College (later to be merged with Hawaii Pacific University). Steve Tucker, the former Hemel Hempstead coach, became the Lowa College's head coach with orders to recruit a new team.

"They'd been the doormat of their conference, winning only two games out of 50," Gardiner said, "but after finishing joint third, we won the district, which meant that we went to Kansas City."

Winning the NAIA could only be matched by winning at Wembley. It's a tall order, but with Gardiner, the 6ft 6in Andy Bird, Jason Siemon, a 6ft 9in member of the Budweiser All-Star team chosen last week, and his fellow American, the 6ft 5in Charlie Mandt, Derby are a tall team backed up by able ball handlers in Tim Lascelles, Mike Landell and Andy Maher.

The only drawback is the fact that in the first semi-final, tonight, they face even taller opponents in Worthing Bears, the holders. Awaiting the victors in the final tomorrow will be the winners of the second semi-final between Guildford Kings and Manchester Giants.

It will be to Derby's initial advantage that Herman Harried, Worthing's key American, is still recovering from a wrist injury. That is likely to put more pressure on the Bears' player-coach, Alan Cunningham, who would like nothing better than to end his playing career with a major contribution, preferably in the final. The former Harlem Globetrotter is going for a record eighth consecutive championship success.

Cunningham's big day may be no day at all if Derby and Gardiner have their way.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 8 Colorado 7; Houston 3 Chicago Cubs 5 (11 inns); Pittsburgh 7 Cincinnati 19. Postponed: St Louis v Atlanta.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland 1 Boston 4; Cleveland 3 Chicago White Sox 5; Kansas City 13 Detroit 4; Minnesota 2 Milwaukee 12; California 2 Baltimore 4; Seattle 6 New York 0; Texas 1 Toronto 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Western Conference: San Antonio 105 Utah 89 (San Antonio lead best-of-five series 1-0); Seattle 105 Denver 82 (Seattle lead 1-0). Eastern Conference: Atlanta 86 Miami 93 (Miami lead 1-0); Orlando 88 Indiana 89 (Indiana lead 1-0).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Tottenham 1 Millwall 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Oldham v Grimsby.

Late results on Thursday

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Stockport County 1 Reading 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 1 Welling 0; Runcorn 0 Bath City 0; Stalybridge Celtic 1 Yeovil Town 2.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Kuwait 2 Bulgaria 2 (in Kuwait).
EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: Finals (in Ireland): Group A: Spain 1 Austria 1; Belarus 1 Albania 1. Group B: England 1 Ireland 1. Group C: Denmark 3 Russia 2; Switzerland 1 Germany 5.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Cardiff 4 Swansea 1 (agg: 6-2).
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Mold 3 Inter Cardiff 2.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Newry 1 Linfield 1.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: A Villa 0 Derby 2; Blackburn 3 Liverpool 0; Notts For 3 Coventry 1, Leeds 3 Wolves 2. Second division: Bradford C 1 Scunthorpe 0, Stoke 2 West Bromwich 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton 0 Liskeard 0
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 0 Halstead 6: Diss 3 Soham 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 1 Frickley 1, Leek 1 Chorley 0; Knowsley 5 Matlock 1. Postponed: Morecambe v Accrington Stanley. First division: Bamber Bridge 0 Eastwood 0; Caernarfon 2 Gretna 2; Guiseley 2 Goole 0; Warrington 4 Workington 2. Challenge Cup: Final: Hyde 1 Spennymoor 3.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Final: Atherton LR 1 Bootle 2.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: W Auckland 0 Billingham Synthonia 3

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A (in Italy): Group A (Bolzano): Canada 3 Germany 2; Russia 4 Austria 1. Group B (Canazei): United States 5 Czech Republic 3; Sweden 6 France 0; Norway 1 Finland 5.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Western Conference: Detroit 7 San Jose 1 (best-of-seven series level 3-3); Chicago 0 Toronto 1 (Toronto win series 4-2); Vancouver 3 Calgary 2 (OT) (series level 3-3)

REAL TENNIS

HAYLING ISLAND, Hampshire: Women's British Open: First round: C Armstrong-Smith bt S Mcglynn 6-5, 4-6, 6-5; S Herbert bt C Dixon 6-1, 6-1; R Lake bt V Dawes 6-4, 6-1; A Cockcroft bt J Hames: 6-5, 6-0; K Allen bt P Danby 6-1, 6-0; S Owens bt J Vaughan 6-1, 5-6, 6-5. M Allen bt S Reilly (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; M Happell (Aus) bt M Pignon 6-0, 6-1. Second round: S Jones bt Armstrong-Smith 6-1, 6-1; K Allen bt L Tuffnell 6-1, 6-0; C Comwallis bt S Macintosh 6-0, 6-0; Happell bt F Syson 6-3, 6-1

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 49 Belle Vue 47. Second division: Middlesbrough 45 Glasgow 50; Sheffield 44 Oxford 52.

SQUASH

ZOETERMEER, Holland: European team championships: Men: Group one: Pool A: Scotland 3 Sweden 1 (Scotland names first): P Nicol bt F Johnsson 9-2, 9-2, 9-3, M Heath bt A Thoren 9-10, 9-5, 9-5, 9-1; D Ritchie lost to D Forslund 6-9, 0-9, 0-9; D Gordon bt P Sjoden 7-9, 10-8, 9-3, 9-9. England 4 Wales 0 (England names first). A Hands bt A Davies 3-9, 9-1, 9-9, 9-3, 9-1, P Whitlock bt A Gough 9-4, 9-0, 9-3, J Nicolle bt D Evans 1-9, 9-5, 9-0, 9-2; S Meads bt G Davies 9-0, 9-2, 9-0. Pool B, France 3 Finland 1; Germany 4 Spain 0. Group two: Pool A: Holland 4 Israel 0, Pool B: Norway 4 Luxembourg 0. Pool C: Italy 4 Monaco 0; Belgium 3 Denmark 1. Pool D: Austria 4 Portugal 0; Switzerland 4 Czech Republic 0.
Women: Group one: Pool A: England 3 Spain 0 (England names first). S Horner bt N Maneu 9-0, 9-1, 9-3, C Jackman bt N Salva 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; F Geaves bt A Torras 9-2, 9-0, 9-2. Ireland 2 Scotland 1 (Ireland names first): R O'Callaghan bt S Mactie 10-8, 9-6, 4-9, 9-7; A McArdle bt C Waddell 1-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-1; L Finnegan lost to W Maitland 3-9, 3-9, 0-9. Pool B: Holland 3 Switzerland 0; Germany 3 France 0. Group two: Pool A: Belgium 2 Denmark 1; Finland 3 Austria 0. Pool B: Sweden 3 Czech Republic 0; Wales 2 Israel 1 (Wales names first): S Taylor lost to C Lewis 3-9, 8-10, 0-9; H Barnard bt L Treves 9-3, 7-9, 2-9, 9-3, 9-5, J Dark bt N Mizrachi 9-5, 5-9, 10-8, 9-6

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DAVIS CUP: Asia-Oceania zone: Second round: New Zealand level with Japan 1-1 (in Christchurch). Group two: Final: Taiwan lead Iran 2-0 (Tao Yuan). Euro/African zone: Group two: First round: Kenya level with Latvia 1-1 (Nairobi), Morocco lead Egypt 2-0 (Casablanca); Nigeria lead Senegal 2-0 (Lagos), Poland lead Bulgaria 2-0 (Sopot).
MADRID: Men's tournament: Third round: S Edberg (Swe) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 6-0. Quarter-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 8-3, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt C Costa (Sp) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, J Yzaga (Peru) bt Edberg 6-4, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt I Lendl (US) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0
MUNICH: Men's tournament: Second round: A Manadorf (Isr) bt K Braasch (Ger) 7-6, 6-7, 7-6. Quarter-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6. A Chesnokov (Russ) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-3, 7-6, P Korda (Cz) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; B Karbacher (Ger) bt Mancdorf 6-3, 7-5
ATLANTA: Men's tournament: Second round: T Martin (US) bt B Dunn (US) 6-3, 6-2. C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt F Meligeni (Br) 2-6, 7-5, 7-5; M Chang (US) bt L Mattar (Br) 6-3, 7-5; A Agassi (US) bt R Rendberg (US) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, M Washington (US) bt J Connors (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
HAMBURG: Women's tournament: Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt P Rajdova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt K Nowak (Pol) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; L Meskhi (Geo) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-0, 4-6, 6-1, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Fulco-Videla (Arg) 6-3, 8-0 Quarter-finals: J Novotna (Cz) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; Sanchez Vicario bt Meskhi 6-2, 7-6, S Graf (Ger) bt M Maleeva 7-5, 3-6, 6-0; S Hack (Ger) bt Huber 6-3, 6-3
JAKARTA: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, F Labat (Arg) bt D van Rensburg (SA) 6-2, 6-1, Y Basuki (Indo) bt N Arendt (US) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3
OTTERSHAW: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: N Bruno (It) bt R Matheson (GB) 7-6, 6-3, T Larkham (Aus) bt C van der Veeren (Bel) 6-3, 6-3, B Cowan (GB) bt M Mactaggan (GB) 6-2, 1-6, 7-6; P Hand (GB) bt G Carraz (Fr) 6-3, 6-0
Women: Second round: C Arquero (Bol) bt F Lichman (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, E Gagliardi (It) bt N de Villiers (SA) 6-1, 5-7, 7-6, C Taylor (GB) bt K Ishida (Japan) 6-3, 7-6. Quarter-finals: L McShea (Aus) bt Arqueso 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, Gagliardi bt Taylor 6-4, 6-2; I Kuras (US) bt M Mair (GB) 6-0, 5-7, 6-2; S Peters (Aus) bt S Tse (GB) 6-4, 6-2

Village cricket threatened by the curse of competence



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

HARK! Oh, happy sound! Surely this is the first Truemanism of the spring. Can summer be far behind? For no, indeed this column does not know what's going off out there.

In my day, things were different, I tell thee. Yes, all around us, things are decaying: traditional values are in decline. The problem is, of course, rising standards. Everywhere the curse of soaring aspirations. For I hear that yet another West Indian Test cricketer has come to these shores. He is Ian Allen, who will be bowling at the speed of light for St Buryan in Cornwall.

When Test cricketers play village cricket, it is time to mourn. Eldine Baptiste led the way, playing for St Gluvias, also in Cornwall, three seasons back. Village cricket seems to be in the grip of terminal amelioration.

"Question: when is a village cricket match not a village cricket match? Answer: when it is a national competition, final played at Lord's." So says the cricket fanzine *Johnny Miller 96 not out* (now avalable at newsagents, despite the hostility of the cricketing establishment) and I cannot find it in my heart to disagree.

True village cricket is played by teams of any number of players other than 11. Any match played without a frantic night-before ring-round is not village cricket. Any match that does not begin in the pub is not village cricket. The country needs to get back to basics, the basics of Real Village Cricket — that perfect mixture of incompetence and intensity, of glory and self-delusion.

Honest, guv

Piero Capponi has brought off a notable double by playing centre forward for the Caldana football team, representing a village in the Maremma district of Tuscany, and reporting on the club's performances for the local paper, the *Tirreno*.

His reports have always been a model of objectivity. So much so that he recently wrote that a penalty, awarded to Caldano "should not have been given". This was too much for his club: they dropped him. The club president, Gaetano di Curzio, is furious and says Capponi is "no longer wanted", but Capponi is not taking this lying down, declaring that the club only has rights over him on the football field. The rest of life is his own affair.

Hanging tough

Spare a thought for the scorers of first-class cricket, a mild-mannered bunch brought up with a shy delight in double-entry bookkeeping and a secret passion for nice pens and pencils. These men of meticulous habits and curious dedication are entering their second season of enforced computerisation.

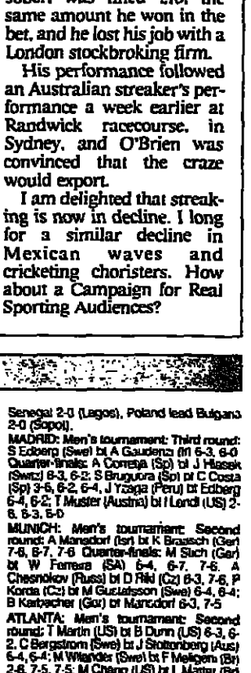
Some have been unable to cope and others, hanging tough, have found that the delights have gone out of life. All have had their workload doubled. Some compute by day and write up the ledger by night. These people earn about £75 a week, or £3,000 a season. With the doubling of their work, the pay stays the same.

They do it for love, but for the love of cricket and ledgers. As computerisation progresses, we shall, soon enough, be instigating the Campaign for Real Scorers.

Big time

Congratulations to Konishiki, aka The Dump Truck, the Hawaiian-born sumo wrestler. He has just set a new record for his sport: he weighed in for the May tournament at 42st 4lb.

His stable master, Takasaga, reported that his boy was "in good shape" for the tournament, rather as the Earth is in good shape for going round the sun.



Hats off

It is time to celebrate one of the most significant anniversaries in British sport: that of the first streaker.

Twenty years ago — well, on April 20, 1974 — Mike O'Brien of Melbourne, Australia ran naked on to the pitch at Twickenham as England played France. You remember the chap: shaghaired, bearded and wearing, in the first great streaker photo of the late twentieth century, nothing but a policeman's helmet over his genitals. He was stone cold sober, was fined £10, the same amount he won in the bet, and he lost his job with a London stockbroking firm.

His performance followed an Australian streaker's performance a week earlier at Randwick racecourse, in Sydney, and O'Brien was convinced that the craze would export.

I am delighted that streaking is now in decline. I long for a similar decline in Mexican waves and cricketing choristers. How about a Campaign for Real Sporting Audiences?

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Lara continues to weave his magic spell



Lara: triumphant

BY JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 43 runs behind Glamorgan

FAIRYTALES do come true — *at least if your name is Brian* Lara. Yesterday, a wonderful innings of 147 introduced him to the Edgbaston faithful and a number of others along for the ride who, if he goes on like this, will swear they always supported Warwickshire. It was, quite simply, a triumph.

When you pause to consider all that has happened to him since that record-breaking 375 in Antigua, Lara's innings against a perfectly competent Glamorgan attack was as much a product of character as of his immensely-gifted stroke play. All that feting in the West Indies, a huge publicity bonanza here, taking the field less than 24 hours after flying halfway across the world and the waiting on Thursday as he made his debut amid a ridiculously high level of expectation: all factors that were potentially destructive.

Yet, playing on a pitch which had seen Glamorgan's batsmen labour, he was immediately into his stride. Ottis Gibson, the Welsh county's lively Barbadian all-rounder, had just ripped out Dominic Ostler's off-stump and was granting no favours to his countryman.

At the other end, Robin Croft twirled his off-spin: "How was that one then?" Croft shouted, more in anger than hope as he got one past Lara's bat. Then Lara was off and running.

An exquisite cover drive from the eighth ball he faced was the first of 16 boundaries along the way to his century. He also picked up the hostile but suffering Gibson for six over square leg during the 104 minutes he took to pass 100. He received only 99 balls. In all, he spent 2¾ hours over 147, scored from 160 balls, hit two sixes and 23 fours and made his runs from 209 scored.

However, more, much more impressive than the sheer statistics was the quality of his stroke play, the ease with which he coped with everything Glamorgan could devise. He dealt severely with all the bowling, driving the ball on the up, using both sides of the wicket, but favouring the covers especially.

Nobody went faster off the bat than Gibson, yet nobody bowled better than the tall Barbadian, who, for the only time in Lara's innings, actually caused him to lose balance with a wicked bouncer after Lara had moved to 38 with two fours and a six in the same over. Lara's sheer appetite for runs quickly became apparent. There was an air of inevitability now about his 100. The sky, it seemed, was the limit.

In fact, he was dropped at mid-wicket, his only chance, when he had made 104, but it still came as a surprise when, finally, he advanced to Croft, drove, snicked and was pouched at slip. There had been much to admire in this first innings for his county by an already universally-known player. Not least was the way he acknowledged the applause for his 100, signalling with bat held high, to every corner of the ground.

Tom Moody, of Australia, was the last player to make a century on his debut for Warwickshire. That was in 1992. Other famous West Indians have taken time to settle in at Birmingham. Rohan Kanhai's first nine championship innings totalled 180; Alvin Kallicharran's first nine innings were: 0 not out, 53, 7, 24 not out, 36, 14 not out, 49, 39 and 37.

Does this tell us something about the paucity of modern day attacks, or more about the genius of Lara? Perhaps a bit of both, but on the whole, having seen this innings, which was played under the greatest pressure, you would have to give it to Lara's ability.

Meanwhile, others were doing their bit for Warwickshire, too. Gibson had shown evidence of his all-round quality by moving briskly from 36 to 60 and helping the patient Hemp to make the bulk of Glamorgan's morning addition of 74 runs to their overnight 291 for 6 before Munton moved in to mop up.

Then there was a noble century from Roger Twose. Still there at the end, he had watched patiently and admiringly while Lara dazzled. Like Lara, he is a left-hander and, although they could hardly be confused, he played a full part, reaching his 100 just before the close.

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GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Asif Din b N M K Smith	19
*H Morris lbw b Munton	24
A Dale c Piper b Munton	32
M P Maynard lbw b Reeve	5
D L Hemp c N M K Smith b Munton	127
P A Cottey lbw b P A Smith	18
R D B Croft b Reeve	30
O D Gibson b Small	61
R P Lefebvre c Twose b Munton	20
†C P Metson lbw b P A Smith	2
S L Watkin not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 13, w 1, nb 4)	27
Total	365

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-53, 3-64, 4-116, 5-158, 6-222, 7-327, 8-354, 9-365.

BOWLING: Small 27-6-75-1; Munton 23.4-5-57-4; N M K Smith 18-3-46-1; Reeve 23-5-61-2; Davis 21-7-51-0; P A Smith 12-2-35-2; Lara 1-0-7-0; Twose 5-1-11-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

D P Ostler b Gibson	42
R G Twose not out	104
B C Lara c Maynard b Croft	147
Asif Din not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 2)	6
Total (2 wkts, 89.5 overs)	322

*D A Reeve, P A Smith, †K J Piper, N M K Smith, R P Davis, G C Small and T M Munton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-265

BOWLING: Watkin 17-5-53-0; Gibson 18-3-90-1; Croft 31.5-11-101-1; Lefebvre 19-6-45-0; Dale 4-0-29-0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Famous clubs fight for survival

Tottenham and Everton face crucial battles

BY PETER BALL AND KEITH PIKE

THE FA Carling Premiership title could be decided, in Manchester United's favour, by Monday night, but it is the plight of two other members of the original "big five" at the opposite end of the table that takes centre stage today.

The championship will remain at Old Trafford if United beat Ipswich Town at Portman Road tomorrow and Blackburn Rovers fail to defeat Coventry City at Highfield Road on Monday.

Everton's concerns are more immediate: they could be in the bottom three by teatime and heading for relegation for the first time in 43 years. The news would be well received on the Kop, where Liverpool supporters will stand for the last time before the famous terracing succumbs to the Taylor Report and bulldozers.

Tottenham Hotspur are also under threat and, whether John Fashanu plays against them for Wimbledon or not, Gary Mabbutt and Co know they face a stern examination at Selhurst Park from the Premiership's form team. A decision on the injured striker, whose elbow caused Mabbutt's severe facial injuries in November, will be made this morning.

Tottenham, though, won well *last Saturday and have* three games left. Everton have only two, against Leeds United at Elland Road today and at home to Wimbledon next Saturday, and their form has been alarming. The story on Merseyside is that Peter Johnson's first signing when he is appointed chairman will be from his present club, Tranmere Rovers — "the coach driver, because he knows his way around the Endsleigh Insurance League".

This afternoon, Neville Southall becomes the first player to make 600 appearances for Everton. On a ground where they have not won a league game since 1951, it will be one of the goalkeeper's most crucial. "I'm not one for statistics," Southall said. "The only way I want to celebrate is by striving to ensure we are still in the Premiership next season."

So, too, are Sheffield United, who have been playing their best football of the season in recent weeks. Yesterday, though, they received a body-blow with the news that the career of Brian Gayle, their captain and driving force, is in danger. After two knee operations, Gayle's return — and some vital goals — has coincided with the side's change in fortunes. His knee, however, *is continuing to cause him* pain.

"It hasn't improved sufficiently for him to play regular football," Dave Bassett, his manager, said yesterday. "It's a question whether he can struggle on or not and we may have to look into the possibility of carbon fibre surgery in America." Gayle will decide this morning whether he plays against Newcastle United.

Nothing will be resolved today in the Premiership, but Nottingham Forest, who went down with Crystal Palace last season, will join them in making an immediate return if they win against already-relegated Peterborough United at London Road. Forest could even afford a rare defeat if Leicester City fail to overcome Stoke City at Filbert Street. That would also allow Palace to secure the championship without kicking a ball, although, even if Forest win, a point for Palace at Middlesbrough tomorrow will suffice.

Nowhere is the route to a play-off place more congested than in the first division and, whatever is said about the fairness or otherwise of the system, the fact remains that it has added spice to the closing stages of the season. On the penultimate weekend, only four of the 24 teams have nothing tangible to play for.

Tranmere will definitely take their season into overtime if they beat Sunderland today and Wolverhampton Wanderers fail to win at Barnsley.

Reading will guarantee promotion from the second division — and, in all probability, the title — if they beat Brighton, while the two remaining relegation issues can also be settled. Exeter City are down if they fail to win at Port Vale and Fulham will be looking at life in the bottom division for the first time in their history if they lose at home to Rotherham United and Blackpool beat Huddersfield Town.

That match is the last senior fixture to be staged at Leeds Road and a 17,000-capacity crowd is anticipated. The Yorkshire club moves next season to its new £17 million Kirklees Stadium. Fewer people are expected at the County Ground to witness Northampton Town's last match at their home for 94 years. They, too, are moving to a new home and defeat against Chester City will make it more likely that their first game at Six Fields next season will be in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

At the top of the third division, Shrewsbury Town and Chester are already promoted and Wycombe Wanderers will join them if they defeat Crewe Alexandra and Preston North End fail to beat Carlisle United.

End of The Kop, page 7

THE RUN-IN

MANCHESTER UNITED: Tomorrow: Ipswich Town (a). May 4: Southampton (h). May 8: Coventry City (h).
BLACKBURN ROVERS: May 2: Coventry City (a). May 8: Ipswich Town (h).
MANCHESTER CITY: Today: Chelsea (h). May 7: Sheffield Wednesday (a).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Today: Wimbledon (a). May 5: Oldham Athletic (a). May 7: Queens Park Rangers (h).
IPSWICH TOWN: Tomorrow: Manchester United (h). May 8: Blackburn Rovers (a).
EVERTON: Today: Leeds United (a). May 7: Wimbledon (h).
SOUTHAMPTON: Today: Aston Villa (h) May 4: Manchester United (a) May 7: West Ham United (a)
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OLDHAM ATHLETIC: Today: Sheffield Wednesday (h) May 3: Sheffield United (h) May 5: Tottenham Hotspur (h) May 7: Norwich City (a).

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MARCO GUIDETTI



Wheels fly and debris is strewn far and wide as the Jordan-Hart of Rubens Barrichello crashes at 160mph during yesterday's qualifying session for the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola. The Brazilian, 21, was knocked unconscious but escaped serious injury. Report, page 35

South Africa aims for Games

BY JOHN GOODBODY

SOUTH Africa, preparing to rejoin the Commonwealth, which it left in 1961, is set to participate in the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada in August.

As polling in South Africa ended last night, preparations were being made for it to take part in the "Friendly Games", a participation that would demonstrate its acceptance by the other Commonwealth nations. The presence of South Africa in Victoria would not only increase interest in the Games, it would raise the sporting standards and boost commercial opportunities.

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the secretary general of the Commonwealth Secretariat, is understood to want South African athletes to participate in the Games. It is believed that after a new government is in place on May 10, a letter will be sent to South Africa inviting it to apply for membership.

The Commonwealth heads of state agreed last October to "welcome a non-racial and democratic South Africa back into the Commonwealth at the earliest possibility". No formal meeting is required to confirm South Africa's acceptance, although other members would be consulted.

David Dixon, the honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Games Federation, said: "The first step is for South Africa to join the Commonwealth. Then a multi-sports body must apply to join the Federation. The Federation is looking forward with great eagerness to an application."

The Federation's officers can accept an application, but it would then be subject to ratification on August 15, three days before the Games open.

Asked about the financial benefits from South Africa's attendance, Dixon said: "It would add a new dimension to the whole commercial aspect of the Games."

South Africa most recently participated in the 1958 Games, when it finished third in the medals table, winning 13 gold medals, including that of Gert Potgieter, who broke the world record in the 440 yards hurdles. The country left the Commonwealth on May 31, 1961.

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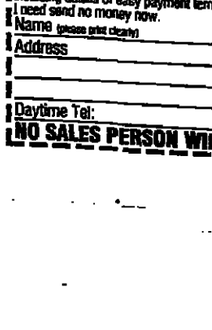
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Specialist reassures Hendry over broken arm



Hendry: in agony

As the injured champion builds a narrow lead over Davis, **Phil Yates** explains how he is overcoming his handicap

STEPHEN Hendry built an 8-7 lead over Steve Davis in their best-of-31 frame Embassy world championship snooker semi-final at Sheffield yesterday before immediately leaving the Crucible Theatre for further X-rays on his fractured left arm.

After the opening four frames of the second session, Hendry was in agony during the 15-minute intermission. Ian Doyle, his manager, confirmed that the pain had intensified and that the arm is slightly bent. The worry was that by continuing to play, Hendry has aggravated the injury.

The news from Hendry's hospital visit was more optimistic. The specialist dealing with the hairline fracture, just below the elbow, reassured Hendry that no additional damage had been done and prescribed a different form of pain-killer. However, with the remaining two sessions to be played today, there must be renewed doubts about Hendry's ability to beat Davis with such a handicap.

Although it is highly unlikely, the possibility of a Hendry withdrawal cannot be entirely discounted. The Scot, 25, is finding particular difficulty with shots that require unconventional bridges and is susceptible to mistakes when the cue ball is obstructed by intervening balls.

Breaks of 57, 90 and 53 gave Hendry three of the day's opening four frames for a 7-5 lead. It was then that the pain increased and so too did Hendry's propensity to miss pots. Although desperate to win the championship for the third year in succession, he failed to capitalise on two chances at the start of the thirteenth frame even though he eventually secured it with a 69 break. Davis, who until then had been enduring his worst session of the championship, took the next frame with a 59 break after Hendry jawed a pink with the cue ball near the side cushion. In the closing frame of what had been an exceptionally tense session, a virtually identical problem occurred. Hendry looked set to clear from 35-56 until he left the white in a position which required an uncomfortable cushion bridge. Hendry overcut the yellow and, following a lengthy safety duel, Davis took green to pink to limit his overnight arrears to 8-7.

Although conditions were far from ideal for the second session of his semi-final with Darren Morgan, they did not prevent Jimmy White winning six of the morning's seven frames to establish a 10-4 lead.

The problem was a set of over-responsive cushions which made positional play extremely difficult. The cushions were replaced by the tournament's table fitter, Pete Godwin, before the afternoon session commenced.

White, attempting to reach the final for the fifth year in succession, resumed 4-3 ahead. He won the day's opening frame with a yellow to pink clearance and the second with an 80 break. Morgan put together a decisive 52 break in the next to trail only 6-4, but it was to be his solitary success of an otherwise barren session.

The eleventh frame exposed Morgan's flaws more than any other. First, he missed a black with the rest and, after White opened a 53-2 lead, the Welshman missed a red by at least six inches when given the chance to clear up.

It was no surprise that Morgan could only aggregate 30 points in the remaining three frames. Breaks of 108, 32 and 80 left him needing six of the evening's eight frames to progress without returning for today's concluding session.

SEMI-FINAL SCORES: J White (Eng) leads D Morgan (Wales) 10-4; S Hendry (SCot) leads S Davis (Eng) 8-7.

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BEWARE OF THE THINKING DOG



By Peter Barnard

His eyes had met Maria's . . . the two delighted creatures spun away around the room . . . About a week after their first meeting, Maria felt ready to mate . . . Misha mounted, throwing his foreleg over her back. They joined . . . Soon they locked, and then, with their ears folded and their faces gentle and smiling, with their mouths open and with their breathing rapid as their body temperature soared, they turned rump to rump and sank to the floor. After a long time they came apart, then turned to each other, began to kiss . . ."

This extract is about dogs. It comes from a new book called *The Hidden Life of Dogs*, by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas. It has reached number three on the American best-seller list and is to be published here on May 19 by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. In the American edition, quoted above, we are presented, however unwittingly, with dogs as people. Misha and Maria become "married", there are references to "husband" and "wife". Misha and Maria are "inseparable", even though Misha lives two towns away.

The book is one of a growing number about dogs. At my local library alone, there are more books about dogs than about parenting. There are so many dog books that ever more bizarre ways have to be found to attract the reader, so that among the five recent books before me is one predicated on the notion that if a dog could talk, these are the 101 questions it would ask its vet.

There are in Britain militant pro and anti-dog lobbies. These groups make rods for their own backs by talking about animals in terms that make sense only when applied to humans. They "love" or "hate" dogs. The

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OPERA

Rodney Milnes

THE RAKE'S PROGRESS: Hogarth doesn't get much of a look in to Opera Factory's new staging of Stravinsky's neoclassical masterpiece—the setting is London today, and we know Tom Rakewell is forsaking the straight and narrow when he substitutes contact lenses for his NHS frames. The brothel scene brings few surprises for Factory regulars, but David Freeman's production peels back the work's laminate of disengagement to great profit, and the conductor Mark Wigglesworth brings out the score's melancholy lyricism as well as its surface brilliance. There are excellent performances from Mary Plazas as Anne Trulove, Susannah Self as Baba the Turk, and Geoffrey Dolton as Nick Shadow.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Saturday 30, Tuesday 3, Friday 6, 7pm.

BLOND ECKBERT: Wildly overproduced it may be, but Judith Weir's new opera weaves a potent spell. Not even the most determined heckler could object to the unashamedly lyrical music, and only Wagnerians might jib at the fact that she gets through her two acts (and interval) in under 90 minutes.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wednesday 4, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

MARION MONTGOMERY AND SPIKE ROBINSON: One of America's most stylish exports to this country, Marion Montgomery is equally at ease with cabaret and jazz. She has been exploring her Southern roots in an acclaimed one-woman show. None of her rivals delivers "Summertime" with quite as much conviction. She appears on the same bill as Spike Robinson, a gutsy American tenor player whose playing bears the imprint of the great Zoot Sims.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), Monday 2 to Saturday 7.



The photogenic Candy Dulfer

CANDY DULFER: With her photogenic appeal, this 24-year-old jazz-funk saxophonist from the Netherlands has benefitted from the kind of marketing usually reserved for Hugh Hefner's Playmates. Not long after forming her band Funky Stuff at the age of 15, Dulfer found herself playing support slots for Madonna before being summoned to work with Prince. Playing undemanding pop-inspired instrumentals, she is making her debut British tour in this *Silk Cut City Jazz programme*.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), Wednesday 4, 8pm; **Town Hall**, Victoria Square, Birmingham (021-236 2302), Thursday 5, 8pm; **The Forum**, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 2200, cc 071-734 8932), Saturday 7, 7pm; **The Ritz**, Whitworth Street West, Manchester (061-236 7110), Sunday 8, 8pm.

ROCK

David Sinclair

BRYAN ADAMS: The biggest rock'n'roll star Canada has ever produced. Adams has been criticised for the middle-of-the-road mentality that produced the hit "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You". But don't forget his rock classics such as "Summer Of '69" and "It's Only Love", and never underestimate the ability of Adams and his superb band to fire up an *audience with enthusiasm*.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (081-900 1234), Monday 2, Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Friday 6, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8, 7.30pm.

PULP: The arrival of Pulp's album *His 'N' Hers* in this week's Top 10 marks the end of a long apprenticeship to stardom. The band, who played their first gig in 1980, have been led throughout by the camp Jarvis Cocker, a fruity singer of fearless vigour.
Wulfrun Hall, North Street, Wolverhampton (0902 312030), Monday 2, 7.30pm; **Leicester University Students' Union**, University Road (0533 556282), Tuesday 3, 7.30pm; **Waterfront**, King Street, Norwich (0603 632717), Wednesday 4, 7.30pm; **The Junction**, Clifton Road, Cambridge (0223 412600), Thursday 5, 7.30pm; **Forum**, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 2200), Friday 6, 7.30pm.



Howard Milner as Sellem, the auctioneer in Opera Factory's lively new staging of Stravinsky's masterpiece, *The Rake's Progress*, at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

TUNNEL VISIONS: We must wait a good bit longer for the trains, but at least the official opening of the Channel Tunnel is a good excuse for the enterprising New London Orchestra, directed by Ronald Corp, to wheel some very rare musical locomotives out of the sidings. Representing France are Ibert's *Hommage à Mozart* and that extraordinary joint effort by "Les Six", *Les Mariés de la Tour Eiffel*. For Belgium, Franck's Symphonic Variations comes puffing in. And on the fast track for Britain is Rawsthorne (Moura Lympany playing his First Piano Concerto) and Tippett's *Sellinger's Round*. The musical *entente* will surely be *cordiale*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), Thursday 5, 7.30pm.

SEQUENZAS IN SEQUENCE: For many, this will be the highlight of the South Bank's Luciano Berio festival. It is a performance of all the avant-garde Italian composer's *Sequenzas*: pieces for solo virtuosi that took instrumental techniques into the realms of science-fiction. Here they are presented (by the Park Lane Group directed by the man himself) as a kind of music-theatre, with spoken extracts from Berio's writing. They are followed by the first performance of Paul Roberts's *Consequents* which, as the title punningly suggests, uses all the instruments for which Berio wrote *Sequenzas*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Thursday 5, 7pm.

THEATRE

Jeremy Kingston

SUNSET BOULEVARD: A new scene, change of leads, and reworked linking passages bring fresh life to Andrew Lloyd Webber's version of Billy Wilder. Betty Buckley's subtly acted Norma resists the dangerous lure of sentimentality, and John Barrowman makes a persuasively puppyish gigolo.
Adelphi, Strand, London WC2 (071-344 0551). Monday to Saturday, 7.45pm; matinees Thursday and Saturday, 3pm.

AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV: In a refurbished theatre, sparkling with gold leaf, Sir Peter mimics foreign diplomats, US presidents and quaint machinery in an entertaining sequence of memories. With his work as Unicef Ambassador taking him around the world, the foibles of mankind parade before him and he replays *them before a grateful audience*.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London SW1 (071-930 8800). Tuesday to Saturday, 7.30pm, Sunday, 3pm.

FILM

Geoff Brown

FEARLESS (15): Peter Weir's new American film grabs your throat from the opening sequence, when Jeff Bridges emerges, Messiah-like, from a cornfield strewn with air crash debris. A wimp before, he *now boasts nerves of steel and* defies death every day. Another survivor, Rosie Perez, has crumpled up with guilt and grief. Once the two make contact, the film begins to drift and becomes uncomfortably morbid. But audience catharsis is at hand in a spectacular and moving finale, which proves that Weir when on top form is one of the world's best directors. Excellent acting all down the line.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)**UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

STALINGRAD (15): Made to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad, Josef Vilsmaier's ambitious film does little to excite connoisseurs of fine photography; it should have been shot in black and white. But the subject grips, especially when snow comes and the disintegrating German battalion becomes bogged down in ice and futility during the winter of 1942. Thomas Kretschmann, Dominique Horwitz and company almost turn their stock characters into individuals, and several set pieces — a Russian tank attack especially — linger long in the mind.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

DANCE

John Percival

THE GLASS BLUE INN: Siobhan Davies makes a habit of interesting musical collaborations. Her new work for her own company of exceptional dancers is set to a score specially written by Gavin Bryars for the clarinettist Roger Heaton to play live with a multi-layered tape he has recorded in advance of himself playing eight other parts. Davies's double bill also includes her creation from last year, *Wanting to Tell Stories*.
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Ringmead, Bracknell (0344 484123), Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 at 8pm. Then on tour.

"O": Michael Clark has taken Stravinsky's *Apollo* as the starting point of his new work, but judging by the iconoclastic way he previously treated *The Rite of Spring* we shall expect supplementation, subversion and intense individuality rather than a conventional interpretation.
Playhouse, Haymarket, Newcastle (091-230 5151), Friday 6 and Saturday 7, 7.30pm. Then on tour.

ART

Richard Cork

BEYOND BELIEF: A stimulating mixture of video, sculpture, photography and light projection runs through the Lisson Gallery's survey of young artists on the cutting edge. Drawn from France and the USA as well as Britain, they are defiantly individual. But a sinister preoccupation with violence, erasure and manipulation binds the show together.
Lisson Gallery, Lisson Street, London NW1 (071-724 2739), Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm, Saturday, 10am-5pm. Until May 21.

ANDY GOLDSWORTHY: Not content with staging two gallery shows, at Michael Hue-Williams Fine Art and the Grob Gallery, Andy Goldsworthy fills three vast floors of an empty building at 27 Old Bond Street. *Herd of Arches*, on the ground floor, is made of red sandstone hewn from a Scottish quarry near his home. But Goldsworthy makes most of his work in remote landscapes throughout the world and upstairs, a selection of photo-pieces records his lyrical responses to rivers, boulders, seashores and mountains. Goldsworthy has never looked *stronger or more various* than in this ambitious triple bill.
Herd of Arches at **27 Old Bond Street**, London W1, Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm; *Hanging Stone* at **Hue-Williams Fine Art**, 15 Cork Street, London W1 (installation is *seen from the outside*); *Scaur Water Stone* at **Grob Gallery**, fourth floor, 20 Dering Street, London W1, Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm. Until May 27. For exhibition and wheelchair access information 071-589 4691.

ART

John Russell Taylor

OUT OF EGYPT: Many regional *museums harbour amazing* collections of material from ancient Egypt, often picked up by cultivated tourists in Cairo or Luxor in the days when splendours and rubbish were unselfconciously sold and bought. St Albans is better situated *than most in this respect*: the larger part of this show evoking everyday life in ancient Egypt comes from the museum's own collection. To broaden the base of the show a mummy case and stone sculptures have been borrowed from the British Museum and jewellery, craft tools and writing equipment from the Petrie Museum of Egyptology.
Museum of St Albans, Hatfield Road, St Albans (0727 819340), Monday to Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday 2pm-5pm, until August 14.

THE LAST MOST RECENT THING THAT HAPPENED: Ron O'Donnell is the sort of photographer who, rather than recording the real world around him, constructs with loving care an alternative world of his own, and then photographs the results. His work hauntingly combines painting, sculpture and assemblage with photography, to create installations which reflect his own funny, bizarre and sometimes touching fantasies.
Terrace Gallery, Harewood House, Harewood, Leeds (0532 886331), daily, 11am-5pm, until June 12.

ON THE CHEAP

LONDON

Canalway Cavalcade: Waterways festival with a pageant of boats, entertainments, boat trips and teddy bears' picnic. *Little Venice, Blomfield Road, W9. Saturday 30 to Monday 2, 10am-6pm. Free.*

Dreams of Anne Frank: Bernard Kops's award-winning play based on the diary of the Jewish girl forced into hiding in Amsterdam 50 years ago. *Polka Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon SW19 (081-543 4888). Age 10 years and over. Tickets £5.50. Saturday 30, 2pm, 5.30pm, until May 28.*

CAMBRIDGE

The World of Water: A wetland extravaganza: watch for kingfishers and try pond dipping. *RSPB Fowlmere Reserve, Nr Fowlmere (0763 261259). Monday 2, 10.30am-3.30pm. Admission 50p, voluntary donation £1.*

Stilton Cheese Rolling: Cheese rolling in fancy dress plus street entertainments. *Stilton, Nr Peterborough. Monday 2, 9.30am-3.30pm. Free.*

CLEVELAND

Mayday Merriment: Meet Rupert Bear, see displays of traditional country activities. *Ormesby Hall, Ormesby, Middlesbrough (0642 324188). Sunday 1, 2pm-5.30pm. Admission to house and garden on Sunday, adults £2, children free.*

DURHAM

Teesdale Thrash: Something for everyone with street dancing, craft fair, ceilidh, folk concert and children's activities. *Various venues in and around Barnard Castle (0833 38288). Saturday 30, 10am-midnight; Sunday 1, 10am-11pm; Monday 2, 10.30am-1pm.*

KENT

Rochester Sweeps' Festival: Sweeps' procession including a traditional ceremony dating from the 17th century. *Rochester (0634 732762). Saturday 30 to Monday 2. Free.*



Chimney sweeps of the past

SURREY

Teddy Bears Picnic: Bear classes, stalls, entertainments and pooh sticks competition plus bear portrait painting. *Green, Abinger Hammer (0306 730868). Today, 2pm-5pm.*

SUSSEX

From the Romans to D-Day: Two thousand years of history re-enacted in one afternoon. *Battle Abbey (0424 773792). Sunday 1, Monday 2, 10am-6pm, displays from 2pm. Tickets, adults £5, children £2.50.*

WALES

Family Walks: Discover the wildlife, join a mini beast hunt and play ecological games. *Ynys Hir RSPB Reserve, Nr Furnace, Machynlleth, Dyfed (0654 781265). Sunday 1, Wednesday 4, and every Sunday in May, 2pm.*

Noddy: Adventures of Enid Blyton's hero and his friends. *Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715). Tuesday 3, Thursday 5, 2pm, 6pm; Wednesday 4, Friday 6, 11am, 2pm; Saturday 7, 11am, 2.30pm, 6pm. Tickets adults £6, £7, children £5.50.*

WEST YORKSHIRE

Spring Revelry: Three days of traditional dancing and crafts. *East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford Road, Keighley (0535 607075). Saturday 30 to Monday 2, midday-5pm. Admission adults £3, children £1.50.*

Introduction to Birdwatching: Spend a day learning how to use binoculars on the moor. *The Moors Centre, Danby Lodge, Danby, Whitby (0287 660654). Age 8 years and over. Sunday 1, 10am-5pm. Admission £6.50.*

HEATHER ALSTON

Ruth Gledhill slakes her thirst for spirituality at a church in south London

AT YOUR SERVICE



AT FIRST I mistook this church for a pub. The low, redbrick building and the sign outside, "The Shaftesbury", has led others to make the same mistake. At least one passer-by looking for a drink has strayed in, and was tempted to stay by the more ethereal spirit on offer. I was met at the door by Ruth Powell, the pastor's wife. She and her husband Tony have been there for nearly 20 years and, in keeping with the tradition of the Shaftesbury Society, vacated their rambling presbytery so it could become a medical centre, and now live in a council house nearby.

The Shaftesbury Society began life as the Ragged School Union in 1844, and was renamed in 1914 after its founder, the social reformer the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury, to whom the Eros statue in London's Piccadilly was erected as a memorial in 1893. The society has become one of Britain's leading Christian social welfare charities, providing education and care for people with disabilities, the homeless and the elderly.

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre, one of 50 churches attached to the society, has close links with the Beth Shalom drug rehabilitation centre near Clapham Common in south London. The centre was set up a hundred years ago by the Bible preacher John Dyer, who took hundreds of children crippled by rickets on their first outings to the seaside. The children at our service appeared wonderfully healthy in comparison. Rounded children and babies played on the floor as the three vocalists in the pop group led us in "Rejoice in the Lord", a popular evangelical song. The church was filled with people of all ages and many ethnic groups, most dressed in bright colours and smiling in the manner of those ecstatic Christians for whom church is the highpoint and not the penance of the week.

Pastor Tony Powell, one of four church elders, began: "Lord, for this day given to us, a day that we can spend in worship, we give you thanks." We moved into "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord". "Just keep on praising him," the worship leader Mick Richardson urged, as my neighbours closed their eyes, swayed their bodies and clapped. "Don't worry about what you look like. Just worship Jesus."

The service was long — nearly two hours — and I had to sit through two sermons. The first was a talk, billed as a "testimony", from the former ice skater Nicky Slater, whom I last encountered at an ice rink in west London, where he taught me to quickstep. He has abandoned his skating career and is now communications and marketing director for the Shaftesbury society. He told us how he and his partner Karen Barber became British ice dance champions after Torvill and Dean turned professional. But his skating career ended when he fell in competition, injuring himself.

He converted to Christianity, he and Karen Barber split up, and Mr Slater entered his "wilderness years". He introduced us to Doris, a dummy with a pink sequin skating dress and green hair, with whom he did a couple of exhibitions. "She helped me through my wilderness years." His breakthrough came, he said, when he joined the Shaftesbury Society. "You can make a difference to the world around you, even when times are tough. God has got a plan for you," he said. "We aim to witness to our Christian faith through the work we do rather than by preaching to people."

The children then disappeared to Sunday school, and after some more singing, we settled for sermon number two, from Mr Richardson. "We can be so absorbed in life and all its pressures that the kingdom of God passes us by," he said. After coffee I left, spiritually satiated, and in no need of added refreshment from the real pub opposite.

MARTIN BEDDALL



With much clapping and swaying, the congregation gives praise

PASTOR: *Tony Powell*

ARCHITECTURE: Nondescript modern building, infinitely preferable to the hideous high-rise blocks around it.★★

SERMONS: Two. Entertaining testimony from ice skater Nicky Slater, after which the pastor preached on the Christian inheritance.★★★

MUSIC: Standard, lively evangelical fare from young musicians on guitars and tambourines.★★★

LITURGY: Virtually non-existent.

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Coffee, orange juice and as much pastoral care as anyone could ask for.★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: The unnecessary length somewhat diminished the considerable height of the mid-service experience.★★★

● *Sunday family worship 11am.*

☐ The Shaftesbury Society, Shaftesbury Christian Centre, 2 Austin Road, London SW11 5JP (071-622 4360).

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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

'Humanising dogs has led to society being blackmailed'



SHANNEN SWEENEY

Poodles-a-gogo: "Our attitude to dogs has, all too often, become anthropomorphic: we insist on humanising them. We know they are affectionate and loyal, so we call it love"

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dogs themselves are ignorant of these emotions, insofar as anyone can tell. I like my dog. I am fond of him, but he is not at the centre of my emotional orbit. Nor, I hope, does he love me: I doubt he "loves" at all.

But note the persuasive wording in that quotation from *The Hidden Life of Dogs*: "After a long time they came apart." This implies a sexual union so deep and complete it's enough to make a violin strike up of its own accord. The truth is more prosaic. Copulating dogs stay "locked" after sex because a gland in the dog's penis swells, sometimes making withdrawal impossible for up to an hour.

Dogs touch faces but this is not "kissing". Dr Bruce Fogle, the distinguished veterinarian and dog behaviourist, says in *101 Questions Your Dog Would Ask Its Vet:* "Although dogs like licking other dogs' lips, or even a human's lips, it's not exactly the same" (as kissing). Lip-licking is a gesture of friendship and, often, of submission. And dogs do not "smile". Fogle again: "Retracting the lips into what to humans looks like a smile is really a sign of submission."

> He is a Jack Russell, not Bertrand Russell

Nonetheless, *The Hidden Life of Dogs* does tell us plenty about dog owners. Our attitude to dogs has, all too often, become anthropomorphic: we insist on humanising them. We know they are affectionate and loyal, so we call it love, because those whom we love are given affection and loyalty.

On the very first page of *The Hidden Life of Dogs* Thomas feels she has to fight off anthropomorphic charges: "To some people, the subject [of dog consciousness] might seem anthropomorphic simply by definition, since in the past even scientists have been led to believe that only human beings have thoughts or emotions... nothing could be further from the truth."

She protests too much. Nobody is denying that dogs think and emote. The charge is that the militant pro-dog lobby insists that dogs have thoughts and emotions which mean the same, and cover the same range, as human ones, therefore dogs can be treated as if they were human.

This is where our liking for dogs goes off the rails. And we have institutionalised these humanising attitudes to the point where we treat dogs better than we treat people. Homeless dogs get taken to sanctuaries and live there, often for months or years, funded by donations to charities, such as the RSPCA. Homeless people live in cardboard boxes, or have time limits imposed if they go to hostels. I would bet there are few dog owners who spend half as much time stroking their spouses as they do stroking their dogs.

We have built a mythology based entirely on our need to justify liking dogs. They are remarkable enough — their scenting ability, for example, is one million times greater than that of a human — yet still some owners perpetuate for their dogs an image so at odds with reality that the anti-dog lobby is presented with easy pickings.

Take dog behaviour, which is too often confused by some as dog intelligence. A dog caught resting on a sofa will climb down when the owner enters the room. His head will be held low and his ears will lay flat along his head. His owner will say he is looking "sheepish" and that he "knows he's done wrong". This is purest claptrap.

As Valerie O'Farrell, a consultant in dog psychology, points out in her book *Problem Dog*: "Dogs have no moral sense, they cannot be guilty, they cannot be held responsible." So dogs do not understand right and wrong, they have no rules; they have never signed anything at Geneva.

Dogs deal in instinctive behaviour and learned behaviour: we teach them the latter so as to make them socially acceptable. In our terms we are teaching them right from wrong, but in their terms there is no such distinction.

All the dog knows is that being on the sofa when his owner is in the room is bad news for him: it means a reprimand. It is the conjunction of these events that makes the dog look, well, hangdog. But he has no moral sense of wrongness. He is a Jack Russell, not Bertrand Russell.

Then there is the English language. Dogs do not understand it, honestly they don't. Most owners, sometimes including me, talk to their dogs the way we talk to foreigners. We ask them something in a normal voice and when they fail to respond we shout at them. On a walk I will say to my dog, "Let's go home now". He will turn around and start walking home, but only because he has heard the key word "home" and recognises its intonation. Try saying phone, Rome, foam: they all work. He is just reacting to sound, as he has been trained, not comprehending speech.

This humanising process has led to society being blackmailed by the militant pro-dog lobby. It implies that dogs are so similar to us, so intelligent, so kindly, so, well, almost human, that our attitude to dogs must be seen in the context of our attitude to each other. This is the "how would you like it?" syndrome.

Real kindness to the dog population requires more objectivity: they are not guided by intellect so much as by instinct and habit, and so our treatment of them should reflect that.

The controversy surrounding dogs in Britain has to do with their numbers, which are excessive, and some of their owners, who are mad. The shenanigans over the absurd Dangerous Dogs Act demonstrated that our leaders lack courage when it comes to emotionally charged legislation. Muzzling is a nonsense: it treats a symptom and ignores the disease. Dangerous dogs should be killed.

All dogs not needed for breeding should be neutered, which would in a few years reduce the dog population to manageable proportions. Neutering is a controversial subject. We think nothing of doing it to cattle or horses, yet neuter a dog and the cry goes up: how would you like it? Not much, but I am not a dog.

Interestingly, my local RSPCA refuge insists that if you buy a bitch, she must be neutered (spayed). A male does not have to be castrated. This differential treatment illustrates that the male-dominated society has spread into areas controlled by humans as well as areas occupied by them. And neutering works, even in older dogs. It reduces aggression and anxiety, mitigates the roaming instinct and, in one particular way, it is an act of kindness to the dog: surely an animal with a natural instinct to procreate is happier if the urge is removed rather than suppressed?

In tandem with cutting the general dog population we need to do something about strays. Anyone selling a dog should be obliged to have it tagged with a microchip (the RSPCA rightly insists on this), at the expense of the putative owner. An owner who then abandons a dog could be found and fined. That would greatly reduce the number of strays.

These limited (but highly charged) measures would put dogs in their rightful place and in their proper proportion. Without such action, those of us who enjoy having a dog will be fighting an increasingly rearguard action. Dog ownership will soon occupy the same social ghetto as smoking.

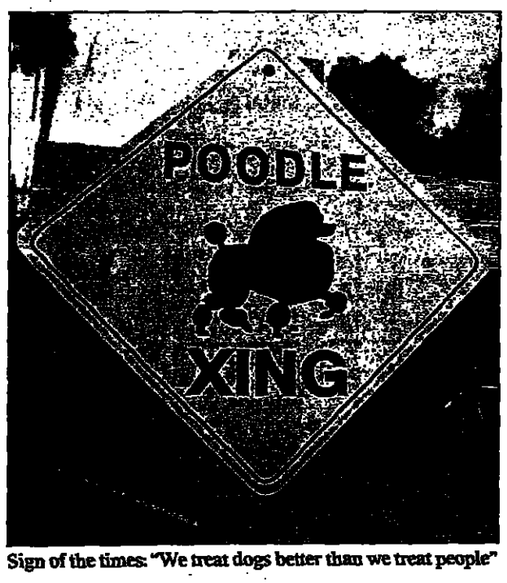
Rapid social change in the last few decades has contributed to this situation. Dogs have climbed the social ladder, to the point where they can easily dominate a home. Once, in my parents' generation at least, dogs had their place, which was in the kitchen or the scullery. Now dogs feel part of the household, they roam the home. In some homes, dogs and children have to compete for attention, with disastrous results.

When we domesticated wolves more than 10,000 years ago, evolving a tame strain we called dogs, the deal we made with the animals was simple enough. They offered companionship, loyalty and a few increasingly sophisticated learned services (herding sheep, guarding the home, guiding the blind) in return for food, shelter and affection. We trained them to be socially acceptable and if the odd one went bad on us we had it put down. It was a straight forward way of maintaining order.

Then came the dog licence. When that was abolished a few years back we were told that the system cost too much to run and, in any event, it was unenforceable. Both correct. Of course, that system licensed the dogs. Owners had better get a grip before someone tackles the dog problem from another direction, by licensing the owners.

Well, how would you like it?

● The Hidden Life of Dogs, *by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, to be published in the UK on May 19 (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £9.99).* Problem Dog, *by Valerie O'Farrell (Methuen, £5.99).* 101 Questions Your Dog Would Ask Its Vet, *by Bruce Fogle (Signet, £4.99).*



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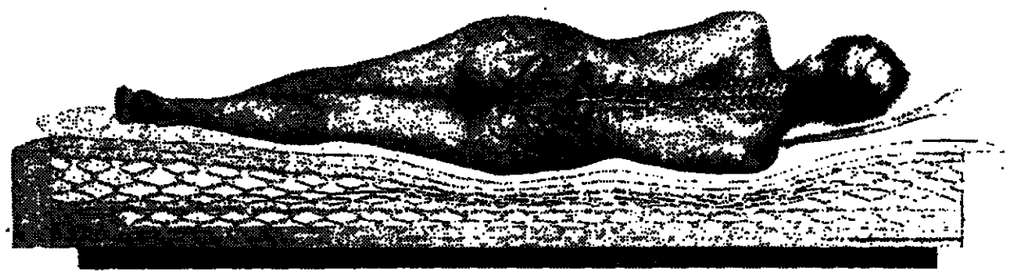


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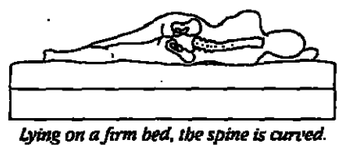
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Another load of old Tate bricks

The first law of architecture is surely this. Once a big building is more than, say, 20 years old — no matter how ugly it seems to those who have to pass it every day — there will always be experts who campaign noisily for its preservation. Thus we now have the prospect of that incredible hulk, the Bankside Power Station, blotting out the sunlight from large areas of central London for evermore.

What's more, the Tate Gallery has declared this dour giant, glowering across the Thames at St Paul's Cathedral, to be the very place in which to house its proposed new gallery of modern art. Those ominous words, "the Tate bricks", suddenly acquire a whole new, gargantuan meaning.

Oh well, I am sure they will redecorate Bankside in the best possible taste. After all, they are proposing to spend £80 million on it. That ought to buy a few tins of Dulux. Then, with Richard Branson's "virtual reality arcade" installed at County Hall, what a magnet for culture-lovers the South Bank will become.

At least Bankside is basically habitable. Which brings us to the vexed matter of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's other monster contribution to London's architectural heritage. What on earth is happening to Battersea Power Station?

The answer is not much. You will recall the fanfare of hope and glory in 1988, when Mrs Thatcher was unwisely moved to describe as "pure genius" a plan by the Alton Towers *mastermind*, John Broome, to turn Battersea into a *kind of Disneyland* with big chimneys. Like many ideas of pure genius floated in the 1980s, Broome's plan collapsed with vast *debts*. The power station, deeply penetrated by noxious sulphur and asbestos, is now in the hands of the property-developing Hwang dynasty from Hong Kong. According to their spokesman it will be "anything up to two years" before their plans for a "multi-purpose site with entertainment as a part of it" will even be revealed.

It sounds as if we have all the makings of another virtual-reality arcade here. Still, at least the roofless, poisonous Battersea has found one valuable cultural role. "*The Bill* find it very useful for filming their wasteland scenes," says the Hwangs' spokesman.



RICHARD MORRISON

Whatever headaches the Tate trustees are laying in store by taking on the renovation of Bankside, they surely have one cause for immense relief this week. It is the news that their most outspoken critic — Brian Sewell, the London *Evening Standard*'s man-about-galleries — may be a little too busy in future to attack the Tate's modern-art exhibitions with his usual impressive bursts of fastidious fury.

The scourge of the avant-garde has fresh responsibilities, and they are onerous. He is the new voice of Walls Ice Cream. Yes, Sewell's beautifully fluted vowels can now be heard on television commercials extolling the merits of Walls' (terribly upmarket, naturally) Gino Ginelli range of ices.

More extensive, on-camera appearances are apparently not envisaged at this stage, which is a pity. The sight and sound of Sewell singing "Just one cornetto" while punting a gondola along the Grand Canal would cheer up the British art world no end.

It is becoming quite a year for, shall we say, *imaginative casting*. At the beginning of June that Australian man of action, Mel Gibson, will be flying to Scotland to begin filming on *Braveheart*. In this medieval epic he plays the role of Sir William Wallace, the Scots warrior who caused such trouble for Edward I in the early 1300s.

Mind you, Wallace's life was full of wild fighting, wild cursing, wild women and wild drinking. So it's not really all that different from *Mad Max*. I just wonder how they will fit the motorbikes into the story.

Nobody can say that British musical life is dull. Tomorrow night, for instance, you can go to the Hackney Empire for Vanessa and Corin Redgrave's "All-Star Pre-Election Anti-Fascist Concert". I have no idea what's on the programme (I sense that it won't be Wagner), but it must be strong stuff because the organisers claim that the concert will "make a powerful statement against the rise of racism and fascism across Europe".

That's a small ambition, though, compared with what will happen in the ever-trendy St James's Church, Piccadilly, on May 13. It is nothing less than a "Concert to Stop the Destruction of the World", and includes Schubert songs and Telemann woodwind trios. Gosh, I hope they play loudly enough. I would hate the world to end for lack of a trumpet.

But the oddest musical event takes place next Friday when the Queen opens Waterloo International Terminal and journeys to the Channel Tunnel on the new Eurostar train. For the occasion the composer Paul Patterson has written a ten-minute brass piece called *Music for the Royal Eurostar*, which not only incorporates the tunes of *Rule, Britannia* and *The Marseillaise* but also the noise of the train itself. The sound of the 16 brass players will apparently "grow out of the depths of Eurostar, and reach a climax to match the splendour of one of the world's finest railway stations".

Perhaps. But will it stop the destruction of the world?

A homage to Catalanchester?

Manchester is hosting a festival of the arts of Catalonia, **Andy Lavender** reports. But what about the weather?

If you have been to Barcelona, you will know it as a city which has a very particular feel. It has something to do with its grand and fanciful architecture; with its open spaces and grainy side streets; and with its Mediterranean chic, relaxed rather than snooty.

Can "feel" be transported? Can you put it on like a new hat? The organisers of an unusual festival in Manchester certainly believe so. They are about to play host to *Ona Catalana*, a celebration of Catalan culture which runs for a month in England's most rainy city. What is more, they argue that Manchester is an especially appropriate location. It "feels" right.

This sounds inflated, until you sift the evidence. Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, a fiercely independent region in Spain. Manchester is at the helm of the North West, a region of England which is somewhat sniffy about the South. Barcelona sees itself as a rival to Madrid. Manchester cocks a snook at London. Catalonia was home to Spain's version of the Industrial Revolution, which had its chief impetus in the mills of Manchester. Let us pass over the fact that, unlike Manchester, Barcelona achieved its ambition to stage the Olympic Games, and consider instead a shared sense of identity.

"Barcelona does have this image of itself: it's always been *the* cultural city of Spain," says Eugenio Navarro, *Ona Catalana*'s Barcelona-based associate director. Up north, with its vigorous theatre, indie-rock and classical-music scenes, and with new civic buildings (including an international concert hall, a velodrome and the Millennium Stadium) going up all over the city, you will soon catch Mancunians making similar claims.

Manchester and Barcelona share a spirit, then, but the "feel" that *Ona Catalana* brings is still distinctly Mediterranean. There is extravagantly visual Catalan performance: shadow theatre and dance, flamenco singing, wine tasting, indigenous music and a carnivalesque masquerade. This is culture which smacks of the street rather than the opera house, laughter rather than contemplation, red wine rather than tea.

Highlights include Comediants, whose members started out as a bunch of former students living in a commune just outside Barcelona and have since turned their collective into one of the world's most renowned popular theatre companies. Their particular speciality is the creation of large-scale spectacles for audiences numbering as many as 50,000. It is no surprise, then, that they were among the performers at the closing ceremony of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

> "Underlying Catalan art is this enormous *joie de vivre*"

It is worth noting in passing that La Fura del Baus, another avant-garde Catalan performance company (alas not visiting England this time round), were seen during the opening ceremony of the Olympics. According to Jeremy Shine, co-artistic director of *Ona Catalana*, this very fact demonstrates that the Mediterranean mind-set is more expansive than our own. "Underlying Catalan art is this enormous *joie de vivre*, and the Catalans are confident enough in their modern performance groups to give them those huge commissions," he says. "It would never happen here. We'd have had something like 'the glory of the Beefeaters' instead."

Shine points, by contrast, to "the power, energy and enthusiasm" of Catalan popular theatre and suggests that this is exemplified by another festival highlight, Semola Theatre, whose postmodern circus show promises dangerous effects and a touch of eroticism. Further unorthodox offerings include Pep Bou, a performer renowned for a wondrous way with soap bubbles, and Jordi Bertran, one of the most skilful marionettists in a region which sees puppetry as more than just kids' play.

Indeed Navarro himself is a puppeteer, and the shows his company, La Panfarra, brings to Manchester illustrate the extent to which this art form has advanced on the Continent. In *Carmen*, for instance, the story is reworked as an interactive shadow, reflection and projection show.

"Foreignness" is always a slippery fish. It can be baffling and impenetrable, or new and tempting. Shine and his colleagues expect the latter, and have worked hard to ensure that the festival is not only for arts aficionados but is widely accessible. This means that a number of esteemed Catalan companies are not represented, simply because their work relies on a knowledge of the Catalan language.

It also means that the festival is strikingly vernacular, and it is apparent that this rough culture is heavily preoccupied with the grotesque, the fantastic and the exotic. This aspect has already translated well. One Catalan tradition involves a procession of *gigantes*, giant-sized puppet figures. A number of British artists unveiled their own eye-catching versions last week, and have won the compliment of being invited to the *Merce*, Barcelona's annual festival in September.

There is an echo of history in Catalonia's predilection for all things colourful. Censorship was firmly in place under Franco, but on the dictator's death in 1975 new possibilities were joyously exploited. "For a start you could perform in the language of the country," says Navarro (he means Catalan, of course, not Spanish). "There was a boom of euphoric demonstration, with people rediscovering Catalan traditions — folk singing, street performance, carnival. And people's imaginations went wild."

Which brings us to some notable exceptions. *Ona Catalana* is entirely contemporary. Thus you will find nothing by Catalonia's cultural grandees; no paintings by Dali and Miró, no representations of the playful architecture of Gaudí, no artworks of any kind by Barcelona's adopted son, Picasso. That said, their spirits hover over much of the work featured. And the decision to remain contemporary is true to what Shine sees as the "movement forward" of Barcelona, its present-tense energy.

Some aspects of Catalan culture, by contrast, are age-old. "There's this thing about the elemental Mediterranean," says Navarro. "The colour of the sky, the moon, the sun, the light, the fire. The sitting outside, the chat and the coffee. And we have the weather to support that."

Ah, of course. Perhaps "feel" can be transported after all. But fine weather is another matter altogether.

● *Ona Catalana begins tomorrow. Some of the shows and events can be seen elsewhere, notably in venues in Wales. For details, telephone 061-236 1677.*



These Catalan *gigantes*, made by British artists, so impressed the visitors that the Britons have been invited to Barcelona's September festival



Pep Bou performs his wondrous tricks with soap bubbles. In Catalonia such displays are not only for children

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CLAIRE MARTIN



Age: 26

Profession: Jazz singer

Current projects: Fresh from picking up the Rising Star award at the British Jazz Awards this week, she is rehearsing for her third solo album, to be recorded next month. Her promising debut, *The Waiting Game* was selected as one of the *Times* albums of the year in 1991.

So she could compete with the big names in America? The potential is there: Martin is perhaps the most charismatic of all the performers on the London scene. Tony Bennett and Richard Rodney Bennett are among those who have voiced their approval.

How did a chirpy young south Londoner get into suave jazz in the first place? Blame it on her mother, a jazz fan. Although Martin was one of those precocious young souls that crowd into stage schools, she later worked in an advertising agency before winning an audition to spend 18 months as a singer on the *QE2*. In 1988 she started regular jazz sessions at a London wine bar and two years later had her own working band.

Which vocalists have influenced her most? Carmen McRae, Ernestine Anderson and Sarah Vaughan are on the list, but most of all she admires Shirley Horn, a singer-pianist who specialises in smoky, achingly slow ballads — "a goddess to me".

Does she only sing jazz standards? No. One of the attractions of Martin's sets is that you can never be sure what she is going to deliver next. It might be an obscure Cole Porter song, a Patsy Cline tear-jerker or Tom Waits's "Old Boyfriends". Her last album, *Devil May Care*, made an intelligent attempt at crossing the pop-jazz divide.

Next stop Carnegie Hall? Nothing in British jazz is quite that simple. Cracking the American market is notoriously difficult for an outsider, but Martin has the determination to get there in the end.

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◘ **THE BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Anton Lesser is cosseted by Dora Bryan in a strongly cast revival of Pinter's first full-length play. Sam Mendes directs. **National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1** (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15 and 7.30pm. Mon, 7.30pm ◘

■ **DEAD FUNNY:** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig. **Vaudeville, Strand, WC2** (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **ELGAR'S RONDO.** Alec McCowen plays the composer, creatively paralysed by premonitions of World War One. David Pownall's play had a mixed reception last year at Stratford. **Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2** (071-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens May 11, 7pm. Then in rep. ◘

■ **AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV:** The company of a clever, cultured and witty man of many worlds. One of the world's most masterly raconteurs returns for four weeks only. **Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1** (071-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 3pm.

◘ **THE FABULOUS LYPSINKA SHOW.** Aka John Epperson, who presents an entire drag show lip-synching to B-movie dialogue and songstresses — the likes of Joan Crawford, Gloria Swanson and Ethel Merman. Amusing for a while. **Drill Hall, Chenies St WC1** (071-637 8270) Tue-Sat, 8pm, until May 21.

☐ **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE:** New play by Philip Ridley: the marvellous John Wood plays a Swiss gangleader returning to a very different East End. Fascinating though implausible. **Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3** (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. ◘

◘ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle tooted sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music. **Queens, Shaftsbury Avenue, W1** (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **JEPPE OF THE HILL.** Ludwig Holberg's shy 1722 comedy. He took the peasantry as his inspiration and produced one of the best-loved characters in Scandinavian theatre: a drunken rascal fooled into believing he is really a lord. From the Magnificent Theatre Company. **Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11** (071-229 0706) Mon-Sat. 7.30pm. Until May 21.

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN:** Rough Magic's so-so version of Wilde, using cross-dressing to clever effect but less astute in its treatment of the mother-daughter theme. **Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High St, NW6** (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats May 4, 2pm and Sats 4pm. Until May 7. ◘

☐ **LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST:** Daniel Massey and Jeremy Northam in Ian Judge's superbly cast "Bindeshead" production, transferred from last year's Stratford. **Barbican, Barbican Centre EC2** (071-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens May 3, 7pm. Then in rep with *The Merchant of Venice* ◘

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception. **Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2** (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **ROPE:** Keith Baxter's look at Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller: two young men kill to show how clever they are. Too much creaky melodrama. **Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2** (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (Michael Praed.). **Comedy, Panton St, SW1** (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm. Until May 7

☐ **STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS: Helen Lederer,** airing her disarming, comic confessions. **Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2** (071-867 1150) Today, 5pm and 8pm.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Reopened, with Betty Buckley and John Barrowman in the leads and new material that sharpens and lightens the story. **Adelphi, Strand WC2** (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. ◘

☐ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler, starring Antony Sher as the Consul playing fast and loose with memory. **Savoy, Strand, WC2** (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. ◘

◘ **THE TRUMAN CAPOTE TALK-SHOW:** Bob Kingdom's sometimes bewitching portrayal of the fat little socialite who was once a promising novelist. **Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6** (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs May 5, 3pm, and Sats 4.30pm. ◘

☐ **THE WEEKEND:** Richard Wilson plays an old grouch (what else!) receiving unwelcome guests, in Michael Palin's first West End play. Angela Thorne also stars, as the long-suffering wife. **Strand, Strand, WC2** (071-930 8800). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens May 3, 7pm.

■ **WIND IN THE WILLOWS:** Back for the really and truly last time with Desmond Barrit as Mr Toad. **National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1** (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm; mats today and Tue, 2pm. ◘

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DEADLY ADVICE (15). Murderers' ghosts gave downtrodden Jane Horrocks ideas. Botched British black comedy, with Imelda Staunton. Director, Mandie Fletcher. **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

LITTLE BUDDHA (PG). A child's guide to Buddhism from Bertolucci, dramatically awkward but visually arresting. With Keanu Reeves, Alex Wiesendanger and Chris Isaak. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** ◘ (071-439 4343)

◆ **MOTHER'S BOYS** (15): Prettily decked but lame-brained thriller about a psychopathic mum (Jamie Lee Curtis). With Peter Gallagher and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer; director, Yves Simoneau. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◘ (071-439 4343)

◆ **ROMEO IS BLEEDING** (18): Unpleasant, mood-hopping tale of a bad cop scorched by a femme fatale. Peter Medak directs. Gary Oldman, Lena Olin. **MGMs: Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS** (U): Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians. Pleasant but less than classic Disney. All programmes to Monday only. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◘ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** ◘ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◘ (071-437 4343)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley. **Electric** ◘ (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574)

BELLE EPOQUE (15): Bucolic, flimsy period comedy from Spain, this year's Foreign Film Oscar winner. With Jorge Sanz; director, Fernando Trueba. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865)

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS** (PG): Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turtletaub directs. John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug. **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** ◘ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◘ (071-437 4343)

FEARLESS (15). Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini co-stars as Bridges' wife. Peter Weir directs. **Barbican** ◘ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◘ (071-439 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble cast. **Barbican** ◘ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◘ (071-370 2636)

PAINTED HEART (15): Failed attempt at off-beat Americana from new director Michael Taav, with Will Patton and Robert Pastorelli as housepainters clashing in love. **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** ◘ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ◘ (071-437 4343)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington; Jonathan Demme directs. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◘ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666). **Mezzanine** ◘ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U). Visually exquisite portrait of a Saigon servant girl, made in France. Impressive debut by director Tran Anh Hung. **Gate** ◘ (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** ◘ (071-435 3366)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley. **Empire** ◘ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◘ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◘ (071-727 5705) **Plaza** ◘ (071-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332)

◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U): Skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C.S. Lewis's emotional awakening. Richard Attenborough directs. Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger. **MGM Chelsea** (071-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** ◘ (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin. **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **STRIKING DISTANCE** (18): Lukewarm vehicle for Bruce Willis, an ex-detective now patrolling Pittsburgh's rivers. Rowdy Herrington directs. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ◘ (071-792 3332)

TOM & VIV (15): Absorbing, downbeat account of T. S. Eliot's first marriage. With Miranda Richardson and Willem Dafoe. Director, Brian Gilbert. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **WIDOWS' PEAK** (PG): Pale, unwanted comedy-mystery set in Ireland, with Mia Farrow, Joan Plowright and Natasha Richardson. John Irvin directs. **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◘ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

NEW ON VIDEO: From killing pigs to political assassination

■ **LEON THE PIG FARMER**
Electric, 15, 1992
VADIM Jean's new film, *Beyond Bedlam*, may have been refused a video certificate, but there were no problems with his debut feature, an exuberant British comedy about a sensitive Jewish lad who discovers that he came about through artificial insemination. The silliness ultimately gets out of hand, but there is still much to enjoy. With Mark Frankel and Brian Glover.

■ **LA BALANCE**
Arrow, 18, 1982
HECTIC French thriller about cops, prostitutes and underworld crime: unexceptional material, maybe, but given an aggressive kick by the brisk, authentic style of the American-born director, Bob Swaim. Nathalie Baye rejuvenated her screen image as the young hooker coerced into becoming an informer.

■ **GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT**
FoxVideo, U, 1947
FEW kinds of cinema date as badly as Hollywood's earnest wrestlings with social problems. Elia Kazan's version of Laura Z. Hobson's novel about a journalist posing as a Jew to research anti-semitism was deemed adventurous at the time. Timid and creaky would be the words now, although the acting can still pack a punch. With Gregory Peck (the crusading writer), Dorothy McGuire, John Garfield and Celeste Holm.

■ **HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY**
FoxVideo, U, 1941
SHARP realism should not be expected when the Welsh mining valley is situated on Fox's backlot and many actors are either Irish (Maureen O'Hara, Sara Allgood) or extremely English (Anna Lee, Roddy McDowall). But with John Ford directing this famous version of Richard Llewellyn's novel, you still get a genuine feeling for a lost way of life.

■ **THE NORTHERNERS**
Curzon, 15, 1992
IN which other film does a leopard-skin-clad cyclist black up in homage to the Congolese leader Patrice Lumumba? This is one bizarre sight among many in a deadpan Dutch satire, set in the only surviving street of a failed 1960s housing development. Alex van Warmerdam's film is too long for its material, but the director, trained in theatre and design, has a distinctive talent to amuse, and anyone who enjoyed *Delicatessen* should take a look.

■ **PRELUDE TO A KISS**
FoxVideo, PG, 1992
AFTER Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan's whirlwind courtship comes the marriage, and a kiss to a mysterious old man. Nothing is the same again. As directed by Norman René, playwright Craig Lucas's homage to the power of true love makes a thoughtful romantic fantasy on screen, although Ryan pushes her luck with her mannerisms at times. Never given a commercial cinema release in Britain.



Brian Glover postures while Mark Frankel bathes in Vadim Jean's *Leon the Pig Farmer*

■ **Z**
Arrow, PG, 1969
COSTA-GAVRAS'S film about a political assassination caused a lot of noise at the time, partly because it fused the panache of an American thriller with the propaganda concerns of the Greek left wing. The film is still an exciting document, although the broad strokes get more noticeable as the years pass. Shot in Algeria: with Yves Montand and Jean-Louis Trintignant.

GEOFF BROWN

Gershwin's piano rolls again

The composer's performances have been transferred from piano rolls to computer disc

Seventy years after its heyday, there remains a ghostly fascination about the player piano. The sight of naked keys bringing to life the music of George Gershwin or Jelly Roll Morton demands your ear and eye — especially because it suggests an incontrovertible authenticity.

In fact, the piano roll never achieved total, faithful reproduction. The velocity of the note and in particular the voicing of chords presented major difficulties at the start of the Pianola growth in 1900, and were never really solved by 1930, when the medium was overtaken by recording.

However, this did not stop the great pianists of the day from making piano rolls — among them, George Gershwin who, as a boy, learnt the piano partly by putting his fingers on the keys of a Pianola in action.

Now, by marrying the piano roll mechanics with the sophistication of computer technology and a hi-tech Yamaha grand piano called the Disklavier, an American musicologist claims she can bring Gershwin to life more accurately than ever before.

"Gershwin made 130 piano rolls between 1916 and 1927, a crucial period in his life," says Artis Wodehouse, a piano scholar. They represent an important but different view of his music from the disc recordings he made.

By themselves they are intriguing historical documents, but are a little dead in terms of true music-making. But following extensive computer treatment they have been given new life — and a collection of 12 rolls has propelled Gershwin yet again to the top of the American classical charts, where he remained for six consecutive weeks around Christmas time.

Gershwin plays Gershwin (Elektra Nonesuch 755979287-2/4) contains his earliest versions of "That Certain Feeling", "Swanee", *An American in Paris*, *Rhapsody in Blue* and others. With more than 100,000 copies sold in the United States in the six months since its release, it seems likely to bring Elektra the same kind of success as Górecki's Third Symphony.



George Gershwin: painstaking recreation of the nuances of his playing

Wodehouse has spent more than a decade on the music of Gershwin. "I started by transcribing all his disc recordings," says Wodehouse. "Then, I decided I wanted to study Gershwin's evolution through the medium of the piano rolls."

The more she researched her subject, the more she realised the need for bringing the archive to life. She knew that it was not enough just to gather all the rolls together, get a player out of a museum and set up a microphone. The past decade has seen a resurgence in modern player-piano mechanisms by leading piano manufacturers such as Yamaha and Bösendorfer. Yamaha's Disklavier, a full acoustic concert grand stuffed with complex electronics, is used in studios throughout the world as well as, more mundanely, to provide background piano music in hotel lobbies (saving money on expensive live musicians). Although it follows some of the principles of the old Pianolas, it is like comparing a Lamborghini Contach with a Model T.

Wodehouse had all Gershwin's piano rolls copied on to computer discs in a language that the Disklavier could understand. But putting Gershwin onto floppy discs was just the first step. Wodehouse and her computer engineers then went laboriously through every note, checking and, where necessary, "enhancing" the information to overcome the basic limitations of the original rolls.

Wodehouse believed that to serve Gershwin properly, she had to draw on her knowledge of the composer and his playing style and add bits to the computer information that would more faithfully represent what she believes he actually did. She acknowledges that this is a somewhat dangerous business but is convinced it was necessary. "Piano rolls are simply not as sensitive as live performance."

However, she argues that this new album — the first of a series — gives the contemporary audience real live Gershwin without the hiss and crackle inevitable on his 78rpm recordings.

Her work is a continuation of a vast Gershwin industry. Michael Tilson Thomas conducted a recording of *Rhapsody in Blue* with the piano roll accompanied by a recreation of the Paul Whiteman band; and, more recently, the pianist Jack Gibbons transcribed Gershwin's 78s and tried to recreate them precisely in a studio.

This latest effort will keep Gershwin in the public eye where Americans — who still revere him above all other home-grown composers — want him to be, whatever the expense.

For the recreation of the 1929 piano roll of *An American in Paris*, Wodehouse felt that to do the work justice one Disklavier was not enough. "We used the 9ft grand we had for all the other tracks in tandem with a second 7ft Disklavier to get an accurate and more expressive rendition of the mammoth arrangement," she says.

Gershwin, with his cigar characteristically stuck between his teeth, must be laughing somewhere.

NICOLAS SOAMES

Shakespeare as grand opera, Shakespeare with added music, dance and martial arts – nothing is barred when it comes to the Bard

Have a dream in the Garden

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

THE Bard's story, Benjamin Britten's music, and some of our brightest young musical talents come together in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, part of the Covent Garden Festival. The opera is being staged at Freemason's Hall, which last year saw the highly successful production of *The Magic Flute* by the same creative team — conductor Jane Glover, director Jamie Hayes and designer Ruari Murchison, together with the performers and musicians of British Youth Opera. Chris Robson takes the part of Oberon and Judith Howarth sings Tytania while Jonathan Veira and Catrin Wyn Davies weigh in as Bottom and Helena. Ruby Philogene, recipient last year of the Kathleen Ferrier Award for young singers, takes the role of Hermia, and 50 members of the New London Children's Choir make up a lively crew of fairies.

Before seeing this enchanting — and enchanted — opera at its performance on May 21, Theatre Club members are invited to attend a special pre-performance talk with the director. Tickets are £35. To book please telephone 071-413 3531

THIS WEEK'S OFFERS

BRIGHTON
Gardner Arts Centre
May 18
Tel 0273 685861
MANCHESTER
Dancehouse Theatre
May 10
Tel 061-242 2555
LEICESTER
Haymarket Theatre
May 25
Tel 0533 539797
● THE Odeon Theatre of Bucharest is visiting Britain on a three-week Year of Drama tour with its award-winning production of *Richard III*. A cast of 45 presents Shakespeare's masterpiece in an astonishing mix of music, dance and martial arts. Members can buy two full-price tickets for the price of one for the first night at the listed theatres

LEICESTER
Haymarket Theatre
May 17-18
Tel 0533 539797
LIVERPOOL
Playhouse
May 24-25
Tel 051-709 8363
NEWCASTLE
Playhouse
June 8
Tel 091-230 5151
● MARKING the tenth anniversary of his death, *Reet Petite — The Jackie Wilson Story* is the first musical based on the life of this influential black American singer-songwriter. Members can buy two tickets for the price of one at the listed theatres

SCARBOROUGH
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round
June 6
● CLUB members can buy two £7.50 tickets for the price of one to see *Gaslight*, the classic thriller which has captured the imagination of audiences ever since its first production in 1939. Tel 0723 370541

SHEFFIELD
Crucible Theatre
May 19
Tel 0742 769922
BASILDON
Towngate Theatre
May 23
Tel 0268 532632
● THE Theatre Club has arranged discounts for two more shows on the Siobhan Davies Dance Company's nationwide tour. Davies is one of the most celebrated and respected choreographers at work today and was the winner of the 1993 Olivier Award for dance. Club members can buy two full-price tickets for the price of one



Marcel Iures as Shakespeare's Richard III in the Odeon Theatre of Bucharest's lavish production — see first listing

LONDON
Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith
May 17, 19-21
● CAMBRIDGE Theatre Company's production of the sinister Victorian mystery *Uncle Silas* has been adapted and directed by Mike Alfreds from the novel by Sheridan La Fanu. When Maud, a young heiress, is orphaned the mysterious Uncle Silas becomes her guardian. But, before long, Maud finds herself in a conspiracy of terror that threatens her life. Anne Marie Duff stars as Maud with Terence Wilton as the chilling Uncle Silas. Buy two top-price tickets for the price of one, normally £13 or £15. Tel 081-741 2311

BOLTON
Octagon Theatre
May 3-13
● J.B. PRIESTLEY'S classic drama *Time and the Conways* stars Jane Hazlegrove, Christine Cox and Clive Moore. Buy two tickets for the price of one for any Monday to Thursday performance, normally £10 or £12. Tel 0204 20661

● AS refreshing as ever, Mayfest 1994 offers a feast of entertainment from around the world. The Theatre Club has arranged discounts at the following events:

New Athenaeum Theatre
May 3-7
● A HIT at last year's London International Festival of Theatre, *Moti Roti, Puttli Chunni* is a love story full of intrigue and scandal blended with music, song, dance and specially filmed sequences. Club members can save 30 per cent on tickets normally priced at £7. Tel 041-332 5057
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
May 5
● AMERICAN composer John Adams, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Chorus and baritone James Maddalena come together in one of the major musical events of Mayfest 1994. Adams conducts performances of three of his works — *Tromba Lontana, Wound Dresser and Harmonium* — as well as a specially commissioned piece by Scotland's Alasdair Nicolson. Save 30 per cent on all tickets (normally £7.50-£17.50). Tel 041-227 5511

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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

RECORDINGS: Blur just miss their focus; a pocket Caruso from the 1930s; Elgar's epitaph for a rabbit



Lacking generosity of spirit, Blur's clever, garrulous pop songs "strive too self-consciously to combine obviously romantic folklore with a fashionably disaffected pose"

David Sinclair

■ **BLUR**
Parklife
Food 8 29194★★
IT is small wonder that Blur have been likened to Madness, given *Parklife's* heavy quota of clever, garrulous pop songs loaded with billboard-sized references to working-class life in London. All it needs is a few "cor blimeys" and a skiffle beat and you would almost have "My Old Man's A Dustman".

But whereas Madness (and Lonnie Donegan) invariably find the humour or warmth in such situations, Blur's world-view is not so generous of spirit.

You can see it in their pinched expressions and scrawny, mod haircuts and hear it in the whining tone of Damon Albarn's voice. It is called attitude and in this regard they are more of a sour, 1990s version of the great London groups of the 1960s, such as the Small Faces and the Kinks.

Although the album boasts some good songs, they strive too self-consciously to combine such obviously romantic folklore with a fashionably disaffected pose.

□ **SENSER**
Stacked Up
Ultimate TOPPCD008★★★
BALANCING the beguiling wail and occasional flute playing of Kerstin Haigh against the aggressive rat-a-tat-tat vocalese of bug-eyed rapper Heitham Al-Sayed, Senser also throw Metallica-strength guitar chops and a superlative deep funk rhythm section into the mix.

The result is an impressive, genre-busting debut which hip-hoppers, headbangers, hippies, indie-rockers and ravers will all be happy to claim as their own.

□ **VAN MORRISON**
A Night In San Francisco
Polydor 521290★★
THE grumpy Celtic troubadour continues to tread water with typically surly authority on this double live (147-minute) marathon recorded last December.

David Sinclair

■ **BUZZCOCKS**
"Libertine Angel"
Essential ESSX 2038★★
PUNK originals with above average melodic flair, Buzz-



Buzzcocks: up to the minute

cocks exhibited remarkably good timing by reforming in 1990. After a slow restart, they toured last year with Nirvana and have now come sailing in alongside the current new wave of English acts such as These Animal Men and S*M*A*S*H*, sounding more up to the minute than anyone would have dared to predict.

Although not one of their finest moments, "Libertine Angel" chugs past with typical bravado, Pete Shelley's adenoidal croak rising with improbable passion above a patchwork of clanging guitars and into a chorus which tends to race away rather erratically from the rest of the song. Probably not a hit, but still a long way from being the sound of yesterday's men.

□ **MICK RONSON with JOE ELLIOTT**
"Don't Look Down"
Epic 660358★★
FONDLY remembered for his work as guitarist in David Bowie's Spiders From Mars band, Mick Ronson was working on his third solo album, *Heaven 'N' Hull* right up to his death from cancer a year ago yesterday. "Don't Look Down", which features Def Leppard singer Joe Elliott and Pretenders drummer Martin Chambers, is a big, anthemic, soft-rock song coloured by Ronson's distinctive, ringing tone and a typically brief, wiry solo. The title track of Ronson's first album, *Slaughter On 10th Avenue*, comes as a welcome bonus on the CD format.

Clive Davis

■ **MARIO BAUZA**
944 Columbus
Messidor 15828-2★★★
THE unusual title refers to Mario Bauzá's address in New York, where he held court for so many decades and where he died last summer, not long after his eighty-second birthday. Revered by admirers of Afro-Cuban music, he played a central role in creating the vibrant combination of jazz virtuosity and Latin percussion.

Originally a classical woodwind player, he later switched to jazz trumpet and saxophone and established his credentials with the big bands of Chick Webb and Cab Calloway. (Bauzá was said to have brought the young Dizzy Gillespie into Calloway's orchestra.)

For the next 30 years or so, he was musical director of the mother of all Latin bands, the mambo orchestra of his brother in law, Machito.

Recorded a matter of weeks before Bauzá's death, *944 Columbus* makes a splendid memorial. Compared with the bristling hyperactivity of many contemporary Afro-Cuban bands, deploying quicksilver brass lines and hairpin tempo changes, Bauzá's musicians take a leisurely and even old-fashioned approach to their material. The effect is no less impressive.

The revamping of Irving Berlin's "Heatwave" may be hackneyed but the players achieve meltdown on "Night In Tunisia", while the original compositions are blessed with the kind of irrepressible swing that few of today's conventional big bands can match. When the singers Rudy Calzado and Graciela take the microphone for the vocal interludes, you are instantly transported to a moonlit Havana ballroom.

□ **ORNETTE COLEMAN**
Beauty Is A Rare Thing
Rhino/Atlantic R2-71410★★
ARGUABLY the last word on the *enfant terrible* of days gone by, this six-CD box set covers the whole of his brief association with the Atlantic label, from the shockwaves of *The Shape Of Jazz To Come* to extracts from a quasi-classical session with the composer Gunther Schuller.

□ **HOWARD ALDEN/ GEORGE VAN EPS**
Seven and Seven
Concord CCD-4584★★
A SENSITIVE guitarist and a standard-bearer for the school of mainstream revivalists, Alden completes his British tour this week. Occasionally reduced to the level of a mere whisper, his muted seven-string guitar duets with the patriarchal George Van Eps form masterclasses in miniature.

Stephen Pettitt

■ **BRITTEN**
The Turn of the Screw
Langridge/Lott/Pay/Hulse/ Camman/Secunde/Aldeburgh Festival Ensemble/Bedford
Collins Classics 70302 (2 CDs)★★★
HITHERTO the only available recording of Britten's *The Turn of the Screw* (1954) has been the composer's own, made in 1955. Unique in its flavour but inevitably unsatisfactory in its sound, it was cleaned up and reissued on compact disc by Decca in 1990. But a new account of one of



Lott: marvellously involved

Britten's finest dramatic achievements has long been needed. Here it is, and very atmospheric it is.

What makes this opera so special is its directness, its claustrophobic intimacy, and, not least, its ingeniously taut musical structure based on a theme and 15 scene-connecting variations heard in an upward-moving tonal progression. There is no escaping its uncomfortable truths. The side issue of the Governess's grasp of reality — is what she sees, what she feels, real or imagined? — hardly matters. If imagined, her imagination is the composer's, fired by the tension between the lust and genuine love he felt for young boys. If real, she is simply another victim of the ghosts, another innocent lost.

Felicity Lott is a marvellously involved Governess, conveying vividly both wilful strength and open-mouthed fear; Phyllis Cannan's Mrs Grose provides rosy-voiced support. Eileen Hulse as Flora sounds a touch too mature to be singing dolly to sleep — an enduring problem in this opera, though it does lend the character a bizarreness not too misplaced. Miles's confused state, marooned between innocence and knowledge, is conveyed well in the singing, sometimes poignant, sometimes childlike, sometimes disturbingly sexual, of young Sam Pay. His dead tormentor, Quint, is portrayed by Philip Langridge with a chilling smoothness that turns the character into something more suave and thus more sinister than Pears's effortful technique could ever allow, as his seductively serpentine dialogue with Miles in the climax to Act I reveals.

Nadine Secunde's conspiratorial Miss Jessel is equally terrifying, particularly in her Act II apparition witnessed by the Governess. Steuart Bedford conducts the 13 first-rate players of the Aldeburgh Festival Ensemble with an intuitive sense of pace and textural balance.

□ **MAXWELL DAVIES**
Strathclyde Concertos Nos 5 and 6
Clark/Marwood/Nicholson/ SCO/Davies
Collins Classics 13032★★
Strathclyde Concertos Nos 7 and 8/A Spell for Green Corn: The MacDonald Dances
McTier/Leveaux/Clark/ SCO/Davies
Collins Classics 13962★★
A BRIEF word of welcome for the two latest instalments of Collins's collection of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's cycle of Strathclyde Concertos. The Fifth Strathclyde Concerto, for violin and viola (James Clark and Catherine Marwood) has matured in performance and in one's own mind since its first rather hesitant performance back in 1991. It is beautifully done, as is its Brueghel-inspired successor for flute (David Nicholson), also from 1991. Numbers Seven (1992), for double bass (Duncan McTier), and Eight (1993), for bassoon (Ursula Leveaux), both ooze a grateful lyricism, a welcome change for instruments still too often turned into comedians. *A Spell for Green Corn*, written in Davies's populist manner, makes an entertaining end to this latter disc. Fine orchestral work from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra under the composer's own direction, as you might expect.

Barry Millington

■ **ELGAR**
Symphony No 2 in E flat
BBC Philharmonic/Downes
Naxos 8.550635★★
Symphony No 2 in E flat; Cockaigne Overture; Imperial March
LPO/Barenboim
Sony SMK 46682★
A FEW months ago, the invaluable series of symphonies on the budget label Naxos turned for the first time in the direction of England. Elgar's Symphony No 1 in A flat was recorded by the BBC Philharmonic under George Hurst; now that orchestra offers No 2 in E flat under Edward Downes, while Daniel Barenboim's 1972 recording of the same work is reissued in Sony's British Pageant series at mid-price.

Downes shows from first note to last a masterly structural grasp: tempo relationships are nicely judged and the fluctuating pulses cohere into well-balanced statements. The warm, animated quality of his textures is caught well by Naxos's good, clean recording. The recorded sound might have had a little more breadth and I would like to have heard the horns cutting through with a shade more gusto. There are moments of high passion in the first movement, to be sure, but it



Barenboim pushes too hard

generally falls short of incandescence.

The slow movement has a measured, arching, inexorable build-up of tension, with nobly eloquent brass choruses at the first climax. The following passage is exquisitely tender but builds steadily to a stirring climax with gloriously gusting portamenti. No less noteworthy is the realisation of the desolate aftermath, with its ghostly sonorities, that closes the movement. The phantasmagoric visions of the Scherzo are built to a pitch of terrifying intensity, while the finale has an air of reticence, possibly suggestive of the passing of the "Spirit of Delight" heralded in the first movement.

Barenboim's tempo fluctuations in the first movement are much more extreme, and in the slow movement too he seems to push too hard, instead of letting the tension accumulate under its own momentum. The brass is unpleasantly harsh at the climaxes, and for all the crashing there is no greater emotional weight. None of this is helped by an excessively resonant acoustic that manages to make the LPO sound both splashy and overbearing.

□ **ELGAR/SUK/WOLF/ CHAUSSON**
Serenades
Budapest Strings
Capriccio 10 527★★
IN the 12 years since it was inaugurated in its present form, the Budapest Strings has been making a name for itself as one of Europe's foremost chamber ensembles. Its roster of recordings is now expanded by a group of three discs: Handel Organ Concertos with Erzsébet Achim the soloist, a programme of Hungarian dances, and the collection of serenades under review.

The Budapest Strings produce a keen, invigorating sound, well-balanced and disciplined without being unduly sleek, and capable of adapting to a varied repertoire. In the slow movement of the Suk Serenade in E Flat, Op 6 — an attractive work that could be programmed more often by chamber groups — the upper string tone is sweet. In the Elgar Serenade in E Minor it is bracing and refreshingly unsentimental. The absence of that hushed, reverential quality is effected by a wider dynamic range than usual, with sharper contrasts of *forte* and *piano* within as well as between phrases.

Hugo Wolf's Italian Serenade receives a sympathetic performance, and the disc is rounded off with the *Poème in E flat major*, Op 25, by Ernest Chausson. A single, exquisitely realised movement marked "*lento e misterioso*", the *Poème* was written for solo violin and concert orchestra. It is heard here in an arrangement for chamber orchestra (by Emil Ludmany), the solo part beautifully played by an anonymous violinist — presumably the ensemble's leader, Béla Bánfalvi.

John Higgins

■ **MUSSORGSKY**
Boris Godunov
Lipovsek/Kotcherga/Larin/ Ramey/Berlin Philharmonic/ Abbado
Sony S3K 58 977 (3 CDs)★★★
CLAUDIO Abbado's association with *Boris Godunov* dates back to 1979 at La Scala. Since then, working with different stage directors, he has conducted it at Covent Garden, Vienna, Chicago, culminating this year at Salzburg. Following an old Karajan practice, he has recorded the opera using substantially the Salzburg cast with the Berlin Philharmonic. The result is majestic and highly moving.

Melancholy of a very Slavic kind fills Abbado's interpretation, from the tolling bells of the prologue to the Simpleton's closing call for Russian tears. Those looking for parallels between Boris's kingdom, poor and hungry, riven by opposing factions, and the present-day Russia have not very far to go.

The superficial attraction of the set lies in its panoramic sweep, ably backed by Sony's recording team. But the real quality derives from Anatoly Kotcherga's Boris, which never descends into mere vocal histrionics. Kotcherga reveals Boris's private face in his relations with his son Feodor (Liliana Nichiteanu) and the insinuating Shuisky (Philip Langridge in commanding form). Act III brings the confrontations with first one and then the other: drama and singing of exceptional power.

Sony has given this central performance impressive backup. Samuel Ramey is a positive, even young-sounding Pimen, discarding all suggestions of the conventional moth-eaten old scribe. Elena Zaremba (Covent Garden's current Carmen) makes the Hostess sound as though she might have a few backdoor customers at her inn. Sergei Larin's Pretender carries true Russian plangency in his tenor, plus a hint of the madness of the "false Dimitri".

A few doubts surround the Marina of Marjana Lipovsek, which is certainly fiery but also a bit hooty. Sergei Leiferkus is more controlled and convincing as the Jesuit, Rangoni.

The centre stage, though, is regularly taken by the Berlin Philharmonic, playing at its peak and given much prominence in this outstanding set.

□ **JOSEPH SCHMIDT**
The complete EMI recordings
EMI 7 64673, 7 64676 (2 vols, each 2 CDs)★★
THE Jewish tenor Joseph Schmidt does not even rate an entry in a number of current opera dictionaries. Shame. In the 1930s he was a considerable star, although not in the opera house, where his lack of inches (he was only 4ft 10in) made casting difficult.

On screen, the camera could rectify that, and he appeared in a number of German musicals of the Tauber variety. A couple of them were successful enough to be remade and re-recorded in English, with Walter Goehr conducting and Schmidt showing himself an accomplished linguist. He toured America, with Jeritza among others, billed as "The Pocket Caruso".

EMI's substantial collection shows Schmidt, with his fearless top Cs, taking on everything from Meyerbeer to 1930s ditties such as "I'm happy in the rain". He was at his best in the operettas of Strauss singing of hussars and gypsies, a reflection perhaps of his birth in a remote corner of Bukovina. He died before he was 40 in a refugee camp in Switzerland.

Hilary Finch

■ **ELGAR**
Partsongs
The Finzi Singers/Spicer
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PIETRO d'Alba was the pet rabbit of Elgar's daughter, and his epitaph, a song called "Owls" with the composer's own words, is one of the most thought-provoking and forward-looking pieces in this revelatory new recording of partsongs for unaccompanied choir.

Anybody already interested in Elgar will appreciate the insight into his music provided by these songs, which spanned his entire composing life, and by the lucid, brightly pointed performances of the Finzi Singers under Paul Spicer. Anyone just discovering the composer, on the other hand, will be off following many a scent.

They will catch wind, for instance, of the turmoil unlocked by Elgar's encounter with the Russian poems of Maikov, as the resigned male voice of Death counterpoints with the murmured imprecations of women and children in "Death on the Hills". And they will hear how the 1925 setting of Walter De la Mare's "The Prince of Sleep" mirrors exactly the close-focused, spare, yet reverberant speech of the poet. If only Elgar had set more of his verse.

This carefully selected programme (all the best is here, with the more romantically patriotic songs omitted) also offers the five male-voice partsongs from *The Greek Anthology*, which show off the lean, totally unprecious singing of the Finzi's men. It is good, too, to be reminded of Elgar's two settings of the 17th-century Welsh poet Henry Vaughan, inspired not by a visit to the silvery Usk but by trips with his wife and a friend to Totteridge and Mill Hill.

□ **CAPLET**
Songs
LeBlanc/Sharon
Unicorn DKCD9142★
ELGAR bemoaned the fact that he was too old to be a soldier: poor André Caplet was 20 years younger, and damage to his lungs from active service in the First World War both shortened and concentrated his composing life. He was preoccupied with the human voice in his small output of small-scale works. They are all too rarely performed or recorded, so gratitude is due to Canadian soprano Claudette LeBlanc for this recital, even if her eager and somewhat nasal advocacy of Caplet's extravagant settings of the "Paroles à l'absente" do bring them near a caricature of the genre. The most distinctive songs see the composer casting off the mantle of Impressionism and turning, in his *Prières*, to simpler, plainchant-inspired writing, and to the almost Expressionistic expansion and dissonance of the irresistible three *Fables* of La Fontaine.

● *In my review of Sibelius's music for The Tempest (April 16) I mistakenly gave the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra the credit for being the first to record the whole score. Their recording was the first complete one in the original Danish, but the Lahti Symphony Orchestra has recorded all the music on BIS CD 581.*

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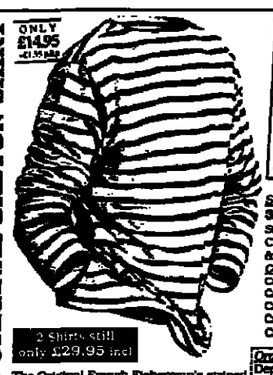
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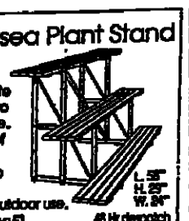
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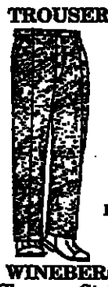
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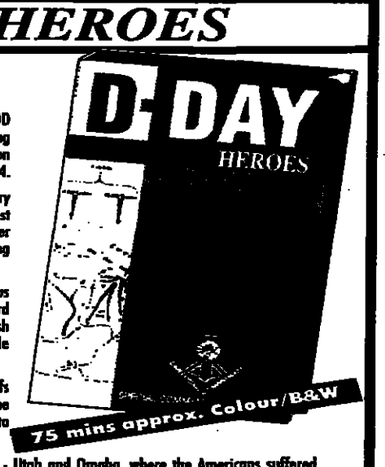
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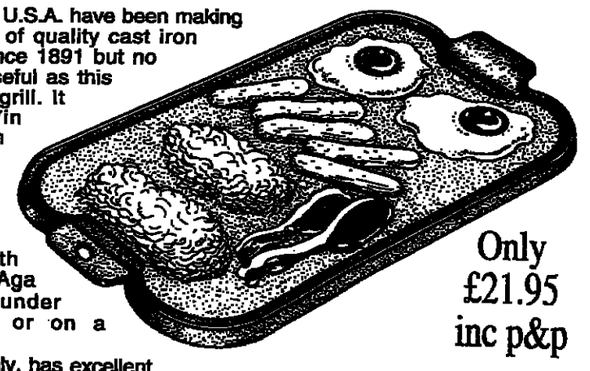
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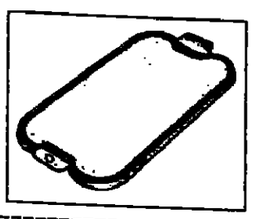
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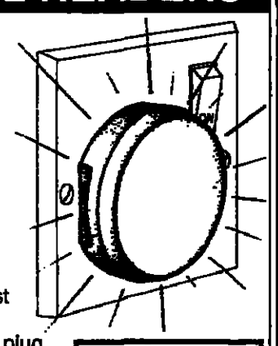
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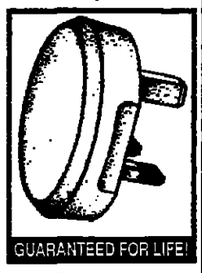
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SHOPPING

Ceramica Blue in west London is importing the bold colours of the Mediterranean to brighten up British dining rooms

Sicilian warmth on a plate



Sicilian Sunflower litre-size jug, £30. This red and yellow flower design on a cobalt blue background makes an ideal breakfast setting

WHENEVER customers enter Ceramica Blue, just off London's Portobello Road, they coo about colour. For on a grey day, the shop is a welcome refuge of glowing blues, reds and yellows, where hand-made and hand-painted ceramics from Sicily, Tuscany, Venice and Britain are on sale.

Tableware is dominant, but there are also vases, plant pots, tiles and candelabra by some 20 artists. "All the work is chosen to be both highly decorative and functional," says Lindy Wiffen, the part-owner and manager. Prices start from £5 for a relish dish and £7 for a cockerel egg cup to £600 for an enormous one-off "De Simone" platter.

Ms Wiffen and her partner Lee Charteris started importing ceramics seven years ago, after seeing the sensation the dishes they had bought on holiday in Sicily created among their friends. "We didn't have a clue what we were doing," Ms Wiffen says. "We just turned up at the manufacturers in Sicily and asked to buy 75 plates."

They set up shop selling mostly the distinctive "naive" designs of Giovanni De Simone, famous for his work with Picasso in 1949. Although De Simone died two years ago, his three daughters continue his ceramic tradition, and Ceramica Blue still sells the highly figurative folk-style art. Dinner plates, serving platters and coffee pots bear a jumble of animals, ruddy farmers and flapping poultry.

At first, Ceramica Blue imported all its ceramics from Italy because, according to Ms Wiffen, at that time British potters were playing it safe with muted colours. "This was partly because of consumer demand," she says. "Everyone wanted either classic Doulton or blue and white china."

British taste and ceramicists have since grown more daring. "People taking holidays further afield are exposed to different cultures and are also experimenting with cooking." Ms Wiffen says. "They want their tableware to be as interesting as their food." Ms Wiffen and Mr Charteris have also diversified and now include works by British artists in their stock. One of these, Andy Lloyd, makes fruit bowls, cups, saucers and oval plates decorated with abstract splashes of turquoise, egg-yolk orange, and black. His pieces cost from £12.50 for a side plate and are sold exclusively by Ceramica Blue.

The best-selling dinner service when the weather is cold is "Fire", a striking traditional Moorish design in warm terracotta and deep blue. The range is made in Sicily, and prices start at £9 for an espresso cup and saucer, reaching £42 for an "extra-large" serving bowl.

Ms Wiffen prides herself on finding new and exciting artists, and travels to Italy as many as five times a year to visit manufacturers. "By going directly to the manufacturer," she says, "we not only get a greater input on design, but can pick from a wider choice of interesting pieces not found in the high street."

ALICIA DRAKE

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Sienna range: One and a half litre jug, £32, oval platter £38, dinner plate £15. A simplified version of a traditional Majolica design from Tuscany in warm terracotta blue and cream

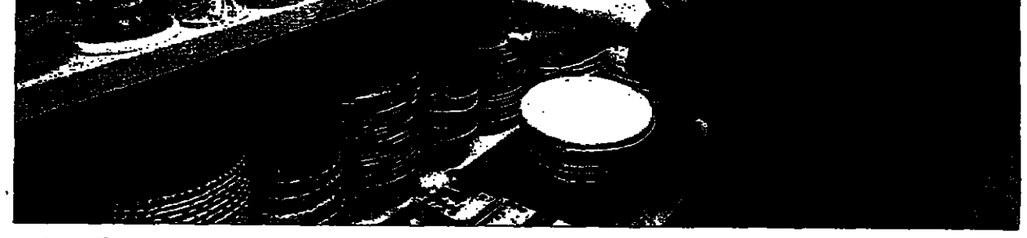
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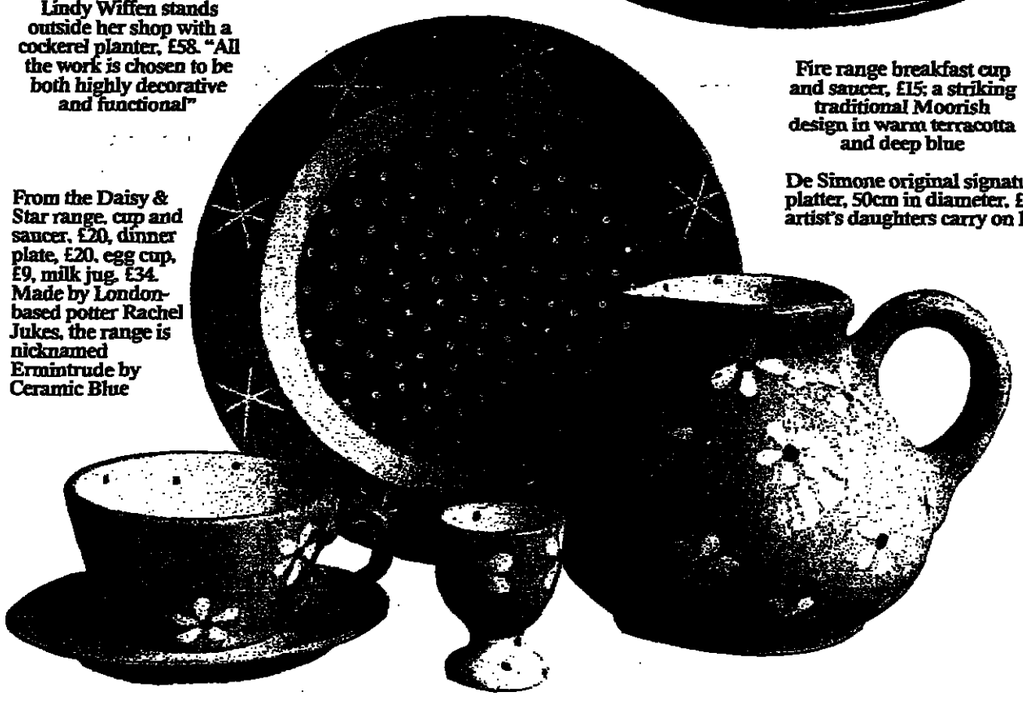
Lindy Wiffen stands outside her shop with a cockerel planter, £58. "All the work is chosen to be both highly decorative and functional"



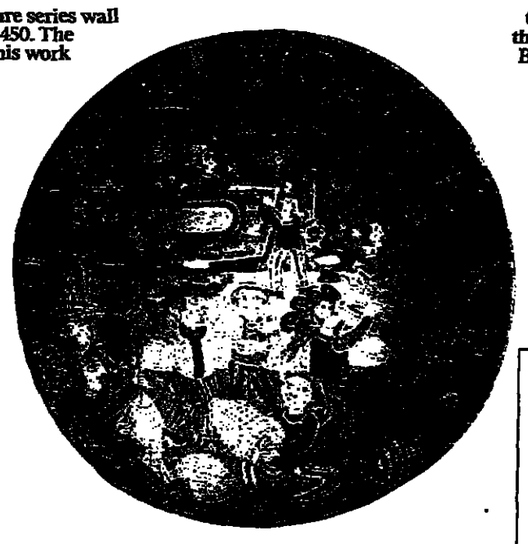
Fire range breakfast cup and saucer, £15: a striking traditional Moorish design in warm terracotta and deep blue



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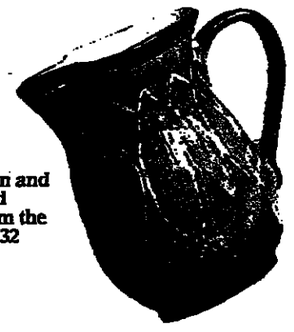


From the Daisy & Star range, cup and saucer, £20, dinner plate, £20, egg cup, £9, milk jug, £34. Made by London-based potter Rachel Jukes, the range is nicknamed Ermintrude by Ceramic Blue



De Simone original signature series wall platter, 50cm in diameter, £450. The artist's daughters carry on his work

Customers examine the choice at Ceramica Blue in west London. "They want their tableware to be as interesting as their food"



Hand-thrown and hand-painted large jug from the Fire range, £32

Design talent finds an outlet at exhibition

The innovations of contemporary British designers can be bought at a show opening next week

Contemporary British designers are fêted in Milan, New York and Tokyo — but undervalued here. Ron Arad, Nigel Coates, Mark Brazier-Jones, Tom Dixon . . . all have been successful abroad, through commissions or collections. But in Britain, few important outlets cater for designer furniture and decorative arts. Those that do, most famously the Conran Shop and Liberty, generally sell imported works in 1980s styles at high prices: works such as chrome anglepoises from Italy, or Philippe Starck's little plastic Miss Sissi table lights.

The work of the few British designers represented in the stores, such as Charlotte Packe and Adrian Reynolds, is often sold at inflated prices beyond the range of many customers.

To counter this, some contemporary designers have set up co-operative workshops, and sell by word of mouth or in friends' galleries, such as the Furniture Union, the Study, and Dixon's new boutique, Space, in Notting Hill, west London.

Recognising the difficulty that designers have in finding outlets for their work, Bonhams, the auctioneers, established an annual selling exhibition, "Decorative Arts Today". This year's show, which opens next Wednesday, brings together the country's top designers, including Arad and Brazier-Jones, together with unknowns.

Though only in its third year, the show has become the most important design forum in the country. Its value to the purchaser is enhanced because Bonhams charges only 30 per cent commission (some shops have mark-ups of 100 per cent), and by the fact that most of the works are one-offs. This year, 130 designers will exhibit about 1,000 objects, from furniture and ceramics to floor-coverings and jewellery.

The show's curator is Peta Levi, who runs the "New Designers in Business" group, which aims to bridge the gap between Britain's young designers and industry. For the Bonhams show, she chooses people who are "innovative and pushing at the boundaries of design with new techniques". She also looks for work that is well made, practical, and saleable.

A new enthusiasm for decorative arts is starting to percolate into households," Ms Levi says. "The first show was an real eye-opener; people were amazed by its exuberance."

Visitors this year will be greeted by a 5ft-high, triffid-like, fully operational telephone, designed in steel by Paul Badham, and priced at £1,550.

Badham's whimsy is an exception. Ms Levi has asked exhibitors to be sensitive to price and to produce at least one piece that will sell for under £500. In response, John Makepeace, the furniture-maker who taught Viscount Linley, has come up with an adjustable dressing-table mirror in mulberry wood for £420; Paul Gower offers a towering CD stack for £265; and Reynolds has a side-table in steel and glass for £500.

Reynolds is also selling a bed made from ground steel and glass for £1,395. Last year, his glass *chaise-longue* was brought by Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall for about £2,000.

Rebecca Newham, who studied glass and ceramics at the Royal College of Art, says that all her work sold last year. This year, her highlight is a mosaic mirror made from Styrofoam and glass fibre, at £1,860. "The show is marvellous, but there should be more such outlets in this country," she says. "The art and design schools in this country are brilliant, but more attention should be paid to people once they leave college."

Arad, who is working on the new Israeli opera house in Tel Aviv, is exhibiting a wall-mounted bookshelf in sprung stainless steel, "The Industrial Bookworm" (£995). He says: "Design is not so important in the UK; television is more important. People spend more time watching television than watching a chair."

HENRY SUTTON

● *"Decorative Arts Today" exhibition, Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (071-585 9161), May 4-11, weekdays 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm. Admission £3, illustrated catalogue £5 (free entry with catalogue).*



Paul Badham's 5ft-high, triffid-like steel telephone, £1,550

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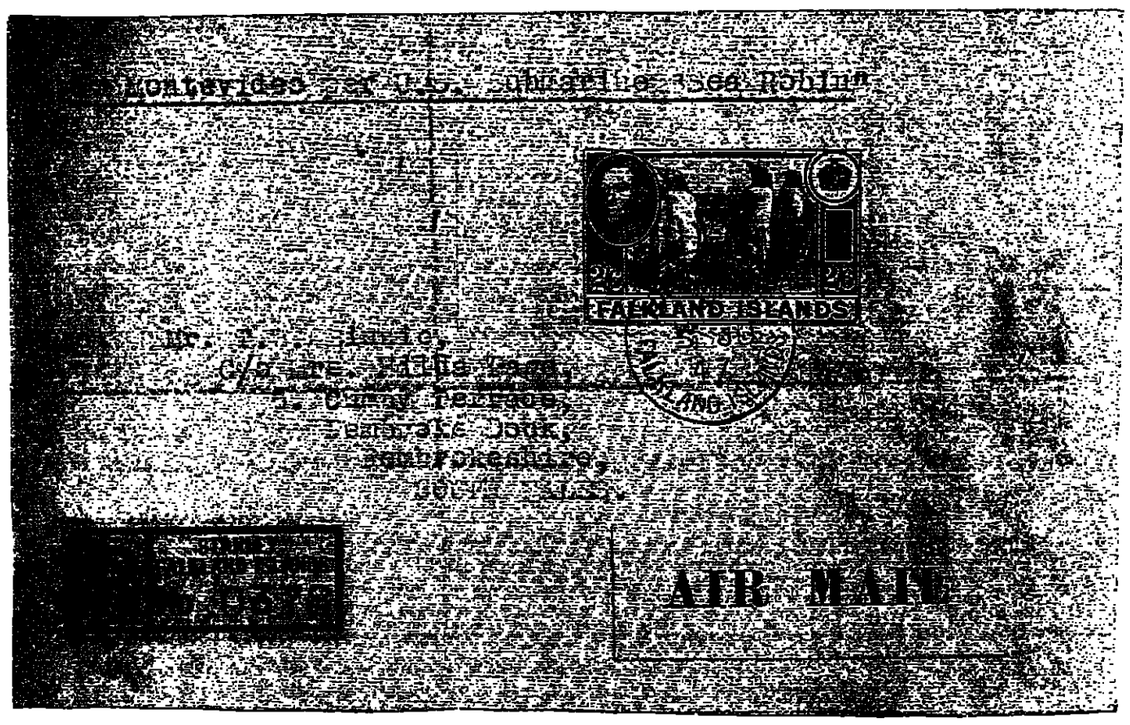
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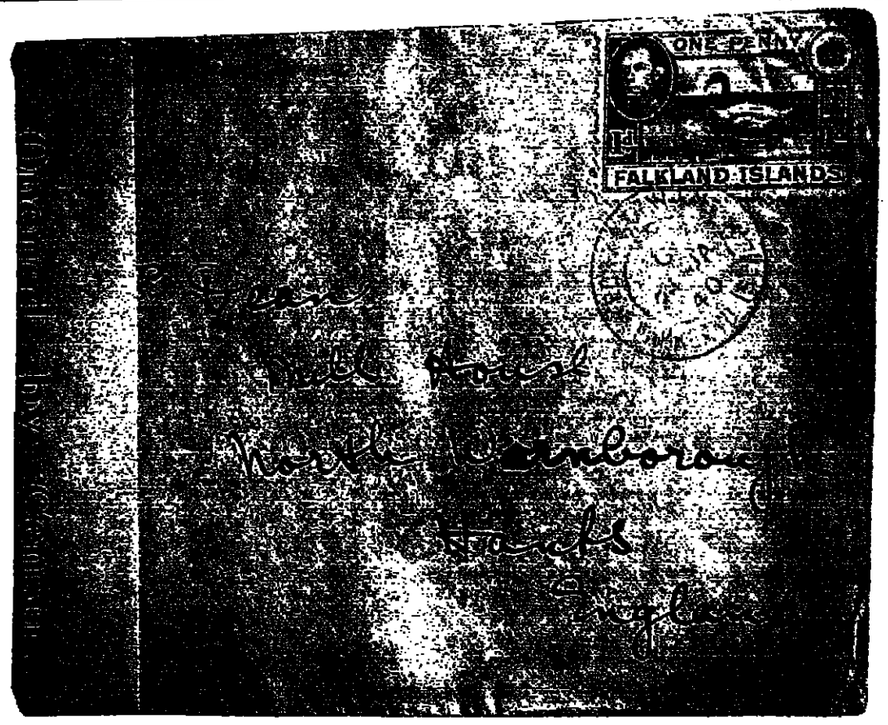
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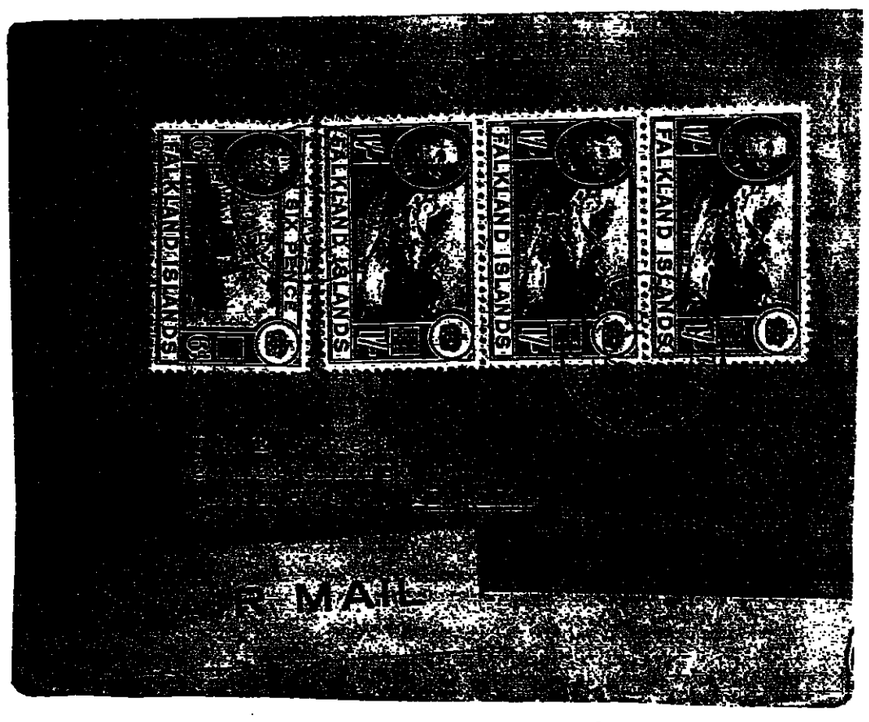
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Faraway islands stamp their mark on a teacher's heart

A passion for postage stamps from the Falklands, which has lasted nearly 50 years, has helped a collector to become an expert on the islands' history. Michael Hall reports

The moment he acquired his first stamp from the Falklands, Geoff Moir realised that he wanted to visit the south Atlantic. "So I promised myself I'd go when I retired," he says. "I was all prepared when I left teaching — but there was just one small problem." It was the spring of 1982, and the Argentine armed forces were not welcoming visitors.

After the conflict, Mr Moir decided to do more than just visit. He volunteered to reopen a school on remote West Falkland and to run it for six months. Undaunted by the challenge — "it had been occupied by Argentine troops for the duration, so you can imagine what it was like" — he rapidly fell in love with the islands, their people and wildlife. In the end, he stayed for four years, until ill-health forced him to return to England. Now 73, he devotes his formidable philatelic expertise to the task of educating people about the Falklands. Last year, his experience in lecturing, mounting exhibitions and broadcasting on the BBC World Service programme *Calling the Falklands* led him to write a book *Falkland Islands History through Philately*.

Mr Moir's interest in the Falklands was kindled by chance. When he came out of the RAF after the Second World War — during which he flew 60 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and bar — he went into teaching. He then decided to use his knowledge of stamps to instruct his pupils in the geography of the Commonwealth. When they got to the letter "F" in their alphabetical progression, he realised he owned no stamps from the Falklands, and wrote to a collector for advice. The result was the generous gift of a bag of stamps, the foundation of a philatelic collection which now fills more than 70 albums with material from the Falklands, the Falkland Islands Dependencies and the British Antarctic Territory.

The collection begins with the earliest stamps issued by the Falklands, the 1878 penny and the particularly rare fourpenny. In 1933 came the islands' first commemorative stamps, a set of 12 marking the centenary of British occupation. These are beautiful designs: coloured borders frame engraved reproductions of black-and-white photographs of local subjects — among them, a sheep, a whaler and an iceberg. The stamps make the quality of printing on modern stamps seem crude, for engraving was long ago given up as uneconomic. Mr Moir's detailed research into the creation of these stamps led him to the archives of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences, where he discoverd the photograph of the iceberg used by the designer.

Subsequent commemorative issues have covered subjects ranging from historical events, such as the visit of Charles Darwin in *HMS Beagle* in 1833, to the islands' birds, flowers and fungi. Like many collectors, Mr Moir is alarmed by the recent increase in the number of commemoratives issued by the Falklands. This seems to be a result of the Crown Agents putting pressure on the islands' Philatelic Advisory Committee to issue more, for the sake of the revenue they produce. Five commemorative issues appeared in both 1991 and 1992 and seven appeared last year. Mr Moir feels that four a year should be the maximum, if quality is to be maintained. There is a risk that collectors will lose interest in stamps that are neither rare nor beautiful. This is a problem not confined to the Falklands: Mr Moir makes no effort to disguise his contempt for most modern British commemorative issues: "One a month! It's ridiculous — and most of them are absolute rubbish."

Mr Moir's collection is a good demonstration of why the term "stamp collecting" seems inadequate to philatelists. He is principally interested in stamps in the context of postal history. This is one reason why the Falklands is such a fascinating subject for a specialist collection: the islands' remoteness makes the means of delivery endlessly interesting. Until the 1970s, when an air link with Montevideo, in Uruguay, was introduced, post went first by sea to the mainland for onward mailing.

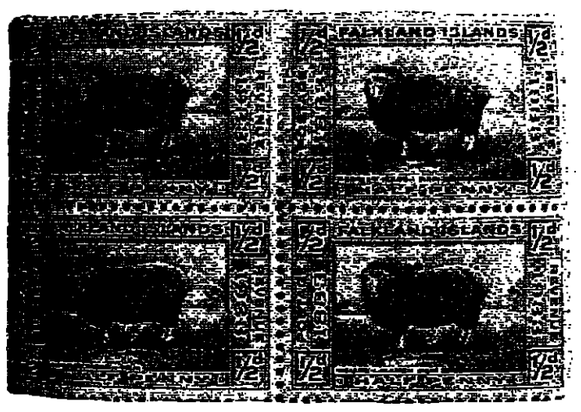
Sending letters to the islands was even more difficult, especially from the Scandinavian whaling countries, whose whalers spent long periods away from home but which ran few supply ships to the south Atlantic. To help communications, the whaling companies published the ports of departure for all ships to the Falklands, so that correspondents could post letters to be picked up by ships en route to the islands. In Mr Moir's collection is a 1953 letter sent from Norway to Recife, in Brazil, with instructions that it was to be carried by the *SS Sante Fe* to South Georgia. There is something very touching about such items, for they suggest how rare and precious letters must have been in these remote communities (there was no direct telephone link to the Falklands until the 1980s). Other highlights of the collection are Second World War censored mail, letters posted during the 1982 conflict with an "Islas Malvinas" mark and, poignantly, an envelope addressed to a rating on *HMS Sheffield* marked "ship lost in action".

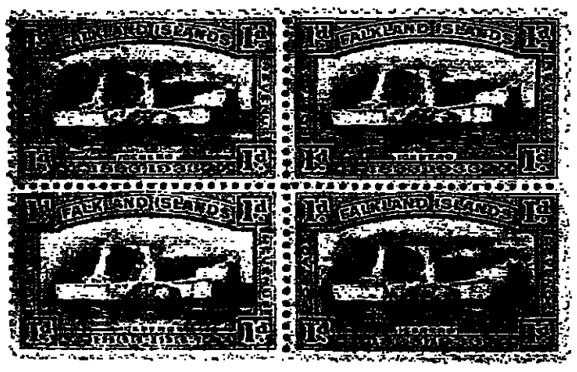
As with many specialised philatelic subjects, there is a collectors' society, the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, with members worldwide — there are even some in Argentina. Such societies demonstrate the loyalty of collectors to the philately of Britain and the old Empire. "It's a perennial interest, and doesn't seem to depend on the age of the collector," says Richard Watkins, managing director of Stanley Gibbons, the principal centre of Britain's stamp trade. The catalogue of Stanley Gibbons' next "Post-bid" auction has stamps with estimates ranging from under £10 to over £300.

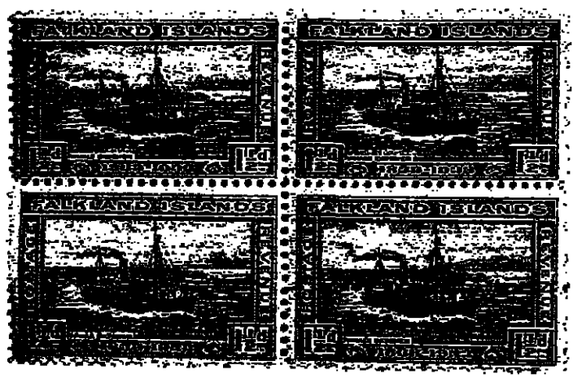
Stamp prices are beginning to rise again, after the doldrums of the late 1980s. The slump was caused by the bursting of a speculative bubble in philately that left many would-be investors with portfolios worth considerably less than they had paid for them. "I don't think cheque-book philately ever really works," Mr Watkins says. "To build an outstanding collection — the sort that will win prizes at competitive exhibitions — you need a great deal of time and not just money."

Questions of investment seem remote from Mr Moir's concerns. What matters is the fate of the Falklands and its stamps. For him, the best investment for the future is the enthusiasm of his grandson, who has already visited the islands and is laying the foundations for a fine collection of his own.

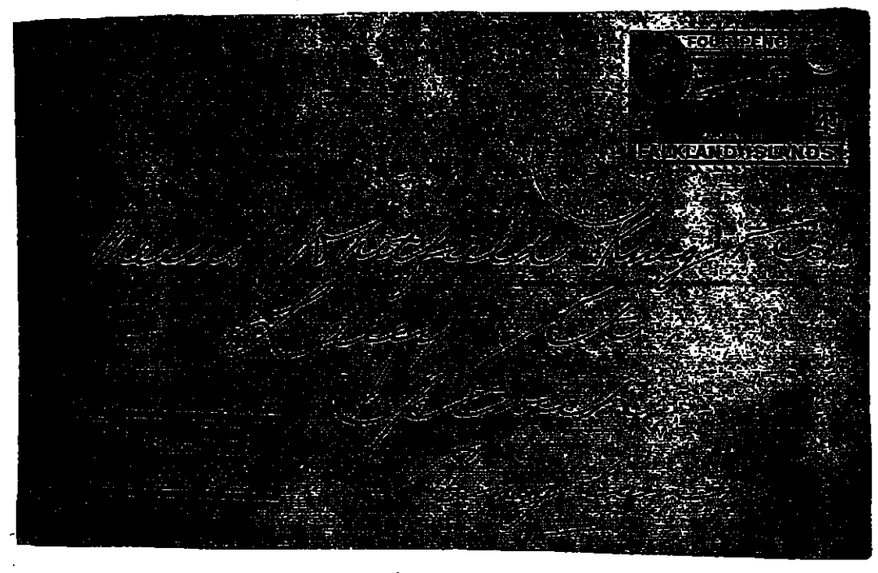
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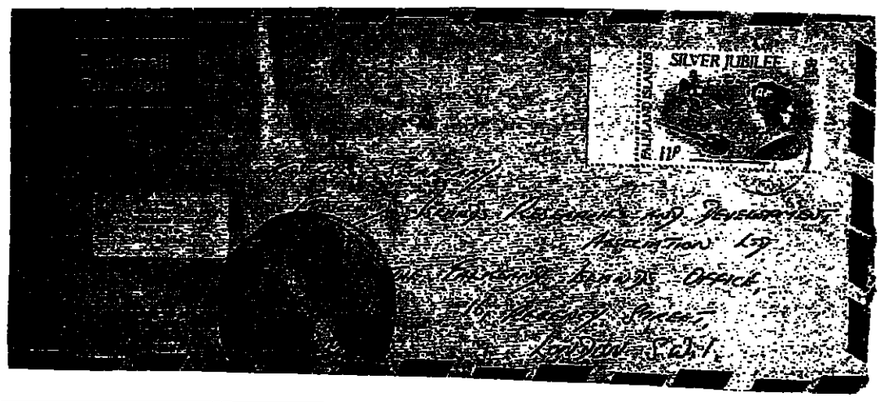






Three of the 12 designs from the Falklands' first commemorative issue, in 1933. From top, a sheep, an iceberg and a whaler





How to find out more about stamps

☐ For more information about the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, contact D. W. A. Jefferey, 38 Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey KT17 2LH.

☐ Geoff Moir's book *Falkland Islands History through Philately*, is available from the Croydon Stamp Centre, 19A St George's Walk, Croydon (£2.50, including postage).

☐ A large philatelic display will be included in an exhibition of produce from the Falkland Islands at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, October 31-November 12.

☐ Stanley Gibbons is based at 399 Strand, London WC2 (071-836 8444), where there is a shop devoted to all aspects of philately. As well as its specialist dealing and auction activities, it organises road shows throughout the country and publishes the country's major stamp magazine, *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*.

From top left, a letter sent from the Falklands to South Wales, via submarine to Montevideo, in 1947; a censored wartime letter; one of the first letters to be sent, in August 1944, from the Falklands via Montevideo for onwards transmission by its new air-mail service; a rare registration label (only ten are known), printed for the New Island but reused for Port Stanley after a fire had destroyed its post office in 1945; this cover had to be cancelled when an Argentine jet, due to collect the mail, refused to land, for reasons that were never explained

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PREVIEW

☐ A tiny Chinese postage stamp found in an English schoolboy's album could fetch at least £1,000 at **Sotheby's**, Hong Kong, on Wednesday. Ben Ward, 16, learned of its value when he took the album to the BBC television *Antiques Roadshow*.

☐ From Wednesday, until May 10, 90 members of the **British Antique Dealers' Association** (BADA) will be holding a fair at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, west London. Among the exhibitors will be Norman Adams Ltd, with 18th-century English furniture, and S. J. Phillips of Bond Street with jewellery, snuff boxes and miniatures.

☐ Strike up for a sale of military-band instruments being auctioned by the Ministry of Defence. The sale, at **Phillips** in London on Thursday, includes a silver-plated full double horn in F and B flat (£300 to £500) and violas, at £300 to £1,800.

☐ **Christie's South Kensington** claims "the most important collection of scrimshaw", or carved and decorated bone and ivory wares, at a maritime sale on Friday. Prices are mostly between £200 and £2,000, but a rare sperm whale's tooth decorated by Edward Burdett could fetch £12,000 to £14,000. First Officer on the whaler *Montano*, of Nantucket, U.S., Burdett has a certain macabre cachet, having been killed at the age of 27 in pursuit of a harpooned whale.

☐ The late Hollywood actor Vincent Price is revealed as a collector of tribal art at **Christie's** New York on Thursday. His exceptional Malanggan totem from New Ireland is expected to fetch about £100,000, while a Yoruba equestrian figure from Nigeria is estimated at a minimum of £15,000.

☐ **Christie's South Kensington** has a sale of more than 1,000 corkscrews on Friday, including the first to be patented (by a London clergyman in 1795), and an original 1802 Thomon continous-action, brass-barrel corkscrew. Among the novelty corkscrews is a German 1905 example, whose handles form the legs of a semi-naked lady, between which the screw is naughtily attached (£150 to £200).

REVIEW

☐ A classic Venetian scene by Canaletto has sold for £2.2 million, double its estimate, at **Christie's** in London. Brought to this country in the 18th century by the Bank of England governor Richard Neave, "Capriccio with the Scuola di San Marco" was bought by the London dealers Hazlitt Gooden & Fox.

☐ At **Christie's** recent New York sale, a 1926 image of a woman holding an African mask broke the record for the Surrealist photographer Man Ray at £239,500, while a 1926 cloud study by Edward Weston made £105,700 for the Getty Museum in California.

☐ A rare mahogany longcase clock, created in 1780 by the Hertfordshire maker John Gatward has gone home, having been spotted by his great-great-granddaughter at the **Birmingham International Antiques Fair**. The 12-inch, moon-phase 30-day duration clock cost her £9,000.

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The ol' hoss that the fire brigade dug out

Last Monday night I sat down and wrote a letter to the farrier to explain that the next time he called, instead of three horses to shoe there would only be two. I had decided it was time for Star to retire, and, rather than be reshod he would have his shoes removed and his feet trimmed before being turned out to grass.

It is not a decision I have taken lightly; towards the end of last year it became clear that age was getting the better of him and he seemed to be enjoying his work less. I dare say he will still do the odd carting job, but his days on the plough are probably over. Anyway, we now have young Prince under firm control and developing into an energetic and willing workhorse, so I have not been foolish enough to get rid of the old banger without first doing a few miles with the new sports car.

The question is, how did Star know that I had taken the decision? Did he stop the postman and go through the letters, or was he in some mysterious way looking over my shoulder as I wrote it? Whatever, he decided that he was not going to go quietly; and like a soap opera actor about to be written out, he put his heart and soul into the performance of a lifetime.

Circumstances were in his favour. For a start, I was away all day, which is usually the cue for some kind of farmyard fun and games to start.

Robert arrived to feed and, as usual when I am away, tipped the horses' feed into their mangers and opened the door to the yard so they could amble in and help themselves. Two horses, Blue and Prince, did; but the third did not. Robert looked out and saw Star prostrate on the ground, grunting and heaving with a look of frustration on his face rather than one of imminent demise. He was "cast". Somewhat like sheep, cart-horses are capable of rolling onto their backs only to find they are then unable to regain their feet. The sodden yard is now so full of deep, squashy litter that his rolling had made a deep impression into which he had simply cast himself.

By all accounts, for I must rely on eye-witnesses here, this also made a deep impression on Robert. He did not know what to do. I would not have known either. I might have first tried a few gentle words along the lines of "get up you big daft sod" and when that failed, panicked.

My wife, who was on the scene by now, decided that this was a job for the fire brigade, who at least have a track record of lifting things off other things. She also decided to ring the vet, for the poor horse was thought to be in some distress.



Indeed he was, but it transpires with the benefit of hindsight that his anguish was more at hearing the other horses enjoying their breakfast while he was still confined to bed.

Our vet is a man of some experience in the matter of extracting stuck animals. He once told me of being called out on Christmas Day to rescue a cow that had waded into a pond and couldn't get out. While his turkey and pudding cooled back home, he set up planks and ladders across the stinking mire so that a rope might be passed around the cow. After hours of effort he was within feet of her, at which point she simply upped and walked out, looking at them all as she went, wondering why there was so much fuss.

But back to Star. The fire brigade arrived, and started to dig. If they could get his feet below the level of his belly he might be able to right himself, they thought. There was some worry about his temperature and so it was decided to cover him with blankets and put straw under his great muddy head. Star was now well and truly centre-stage with the spotlight on him, and my only wish is to have been there to see him as they wrapped him up like a baby, and to look him in the eye to see how much he was enjoying it. You see, it is not the first time he has had the fire brigade to rescue him: under a previous owner he absent-mindedly walked headfirst into a ditch with a cart behind him. By the time the fire engine arrived to lift him out, he was fast asleep, still between the shafts, six feet down.

Many forkfuls of muck later he took his opportunity, heaved his massive muddy brown frame onto his brawny legs, shook himself, and with indecent haste broke into a canter straight for the stable and his manger. It was such a speedy recovery that it was as if he had come straight out of intensive care and run the London Marathon.

Well done old lad. You have stolen the show and are the talk of the county. It will not be long before people will be turning up to see "that ol' hoss that the fire brigade dug out". For his part, he deserves an award, and I look forward to leading him onto the stage to pick up his Oscar. My principal worry now is this: if I stick to my plan and put him out to grass, what will he do for an encore?

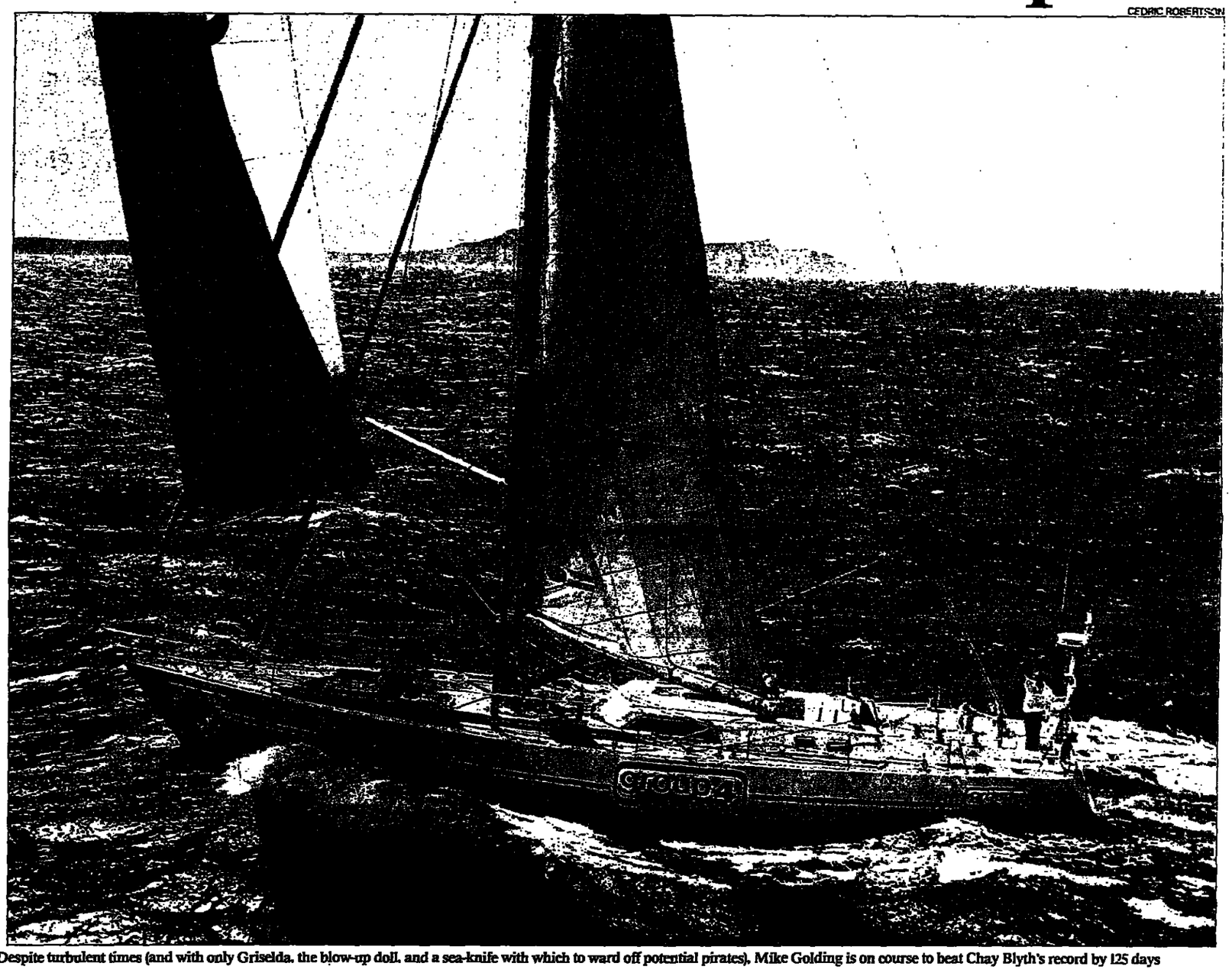
Sailing home for a steak and a pint

With only seven days of his gruelling round-the-world voyage to go, Mike Golding looks forward to setting foot on dry land — and heading for the pub

GABRIELLE IZEN



CEDRIC ROBERTSON



The end is in sight after 160 days alone at sea. Despite turbulent times (and with only Griselda, the blow-up doll, and a sea-knife with which to ward off potential pirates), Mike Golding is on course to beat Chay Blyth's record by 125 days

At sea alone for 160 days with just seven more to go before I complete this wild adventure . . . I can't say that I will be sad to see the Needles guarding the western approach to the Solent. This has been quite long enough.

How Chay Blyth, whose west-east solo circumnavigation record I set out to beat, managed to hold out alone for 292 days still confounds me. I set out from Southampton in November, aiming to complete the 27,000-mile voyage in 192 days. Now it looks as if I should beat that by 25 days, but this hardly eclipses Blyth's original achievement.

He ventured into the unknown on what many believed was an impossible voyage against the wind and currents. I have merely followed in his wake.

Now into the last 1,000 miles, I deny any suggestions that improvements in technology over the intervening 23 years have made the solo voyage easier. In the violence of a Southern Ocean storm, it is still very much one man-one boat, but I marvel that he completed the final 20,000 miles without self-steering.

I was totally exhausted during the weeks that my auto-pilot was out of action, and if a red "get me out of here" button had been part of *Group 4*'s electronics, I might well have pressed it.

Since rounding the Cape of Good Hope on March 25, my 67ft-yacht *Group 4 Securitas* has seemed as keen to get home as I am. After so long together, we are now as one and have shared several scares heading northwards back up the Atlantic.

The first was on April 7 when there was a brief but violent interruption to the steady trade winds we had experienced for ten days. The result was a shredded spinnaker, smashed spinnaker pole and a swamping below decks.

Moments before, we had been sailing smoothly in little more than 12 knots of wind. I was in the saloon when the wind-shift alarm signalled the start of a busy night, and I casually wandered up to re-trim the sails, only to witness the entire vista change from serenity to the full fury of a doldrums squall.

As rain, thunder and lightning erupted around us, *Group 4* was laid flat on her side, the spinnaker pinning us down in the water. With sea and spray pouring in through the hatches left open to help ventilation, I had no option but to throw off the lines holding the sail.



The guy ran out under such terrific force that the preventer, designed to stop the spinnaker pole from hitting the forestay, failed completely. As a result, the pole smashed into the stay with the full power of the overloaded sail and snapped like matchwood. The jagged edges then began flailing around, some 15ft above the deck, ripping the spinnaker to shreds.

With the pressure in the sail punctured, the boat came upright well enough, but then screamed off downwind under a full mainsail and I was left, wearing just my underpants in the torrential rain, to get everything back under control.

The deck was a disaster area. Stanchions and guard lines were smashed and lines trailed everywhere. Below, the carnage was just as acute. Books, clothes, food and equipment thrown across the cabins during the knock-down, were completely saturated by the gallons of water that had poured in through the deck. It took me a day to clear up the mess.

Off the African coast, I was warned to beware of pirates.

During the British Steel Challenge race, this time last year, we had come across a bedraggled bunch of fishermen in a broken-down boat. We stopped to give them food and to report their plight to the rescue authorities. This time I was advised to keep well clear of any suspicious craft, and certainly not make it known that I was sailing alone.

Whether the threat was real or imagined, I thought the worst when a fishing trawler shadowed our course for several hours, maintaining a half-mile gap astern. Unlike many long-distance sailors, I carry no firearms, but during quiet moments have developed a complex plan to ward off any unwanted attention.

This included dressing Griselda, a blow-up doll presented to me when I left Southampton, in oilskins as a decoy, using distress parachute flares as rocket launchers, smoke flares as a screen and my sea-knife lashed to the boathook as a pike to repel any who break through my first lines of defence. Fortunately for the trawler crew, they headed back towards the coast before my plan could be put into effect. Either they didn't fancy their chances, or were put off by the grim sight of Griselda!

Pirates aside, and with the help of wind and tide, I hope to return to the Solent next Saturday in time for a long-cherished lunchtime pint and a fresh steak — medium-rare please.

● *Mike Golding, 33, is attempting to break Chay Blyth's 1971 record of 292 days. His voyage is being recorded exclusively by The Times yachting correspondent Barry Pickthall.*

The bird with a soft spot for man

ABOUT 1,000 pairs of little ringed plovers come to nest in Britain every summer. Humans are their friends: they settle almost invariably in places we have made. The stony shores of gravel pits are their favourite nesting-sites, but they also breed on the dried sludge at sewage farms, and by reservoirs. Men working around them are also their friends, because they keep off daytime predators such as kestrels and sparrow hawks.

They are small black, brown and white birds that with their broken head-and-breast markings are almost invisible against the stones. They are very like the slightly larger ringed plovers that are common along our coasts, but a few points distinguish them clearly. They have a thin white line above the black band on their forehead, and their legs are flesh-coloured, not bright orange as the larger bird's are.

Also, when they fly they show no white wing-bar, and their "*tee-oo*" call puts the accent on the first syllable, while the ringed plover's "*too-lee*" emphasises the second. That last difference may sound a rather faint one, but it is amazing how clear it is once you hear them!

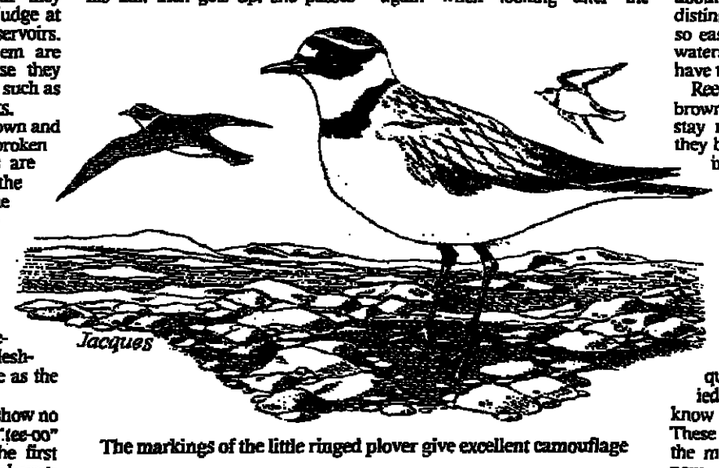
Little ringed plovers have only been here for just over 50 years — the first pair bred at Tring in 1938. On the Continent they nest mainly on pebbly river-banks; and recently they have expanded their conquests in Wales, reverting to similar sites.

On the stones, they run fast with twinkling feet, and just now they are busy there. The male makes scrapes among the stones, and the female will choose one of them to lay her eggs in. In their courting display, he sits in a scrape lifting his tail, then gets up; she passes under his tail and squats in the scrape herself. He approaches her with a kind of high quickstep and finally they mate. It is like a plovers' ballet.

The male also dances over his territory with a butterfly-like flight to warn off other males, singing a thin song. But after the four blotchy, stone-coloured eggs have been laid, the plovers fall silent and are harder to track down.

So now is the time to go and look for them. Some may have eggs already. Both birds incubate and feed the young, which start running about soon after they are hatched. The parents get noisier again when looking after the fledglings; they also put on dramatic displays to lure away intruders, dragging a wing piteously along the ground as if it were broken.

Gravel pits are important nowadays for other birds. More often than not the abandoned workings are left to themselves, and willows and reeds grow up around them. Local wildlife trusts have taken some over, and manage them as nature reserves.



The markings of the little ringed plover give excellent camouflage

Other summer visitors that are just starting to enliven their shores include sedge warblers and reed warblers. This pair of species is rather like the blackcaps and garden warblers I was writing about recently: they are easy to distinguish if you see them, but not so easy if they are hidden in the waterside vegetation and you only have their songs to go by.

Reed warblers are very plain, brown above, lighter beneath: they stay mainly in the reeds, where they build cup-shaped nests hanging from an encircling ring of reed-stems. Sedge warblers more often sit up in the bushes, and their bright yellow eye-stripe immediately identifies them. But their songs overlap. A repetitive, jerky song, on practically the same note, could be either bird. However, sedge warblers frequently produce a more varied, musical song, and then you know what you are dealing with. These creaking, jangling songs are the music of the gravel pits just now. Their singers might be thought of as nature's reed instruments.

DERWENT MAY

● **What's about:** *Birders — watch out for house martins. Twitchers — black kite at Scarborough, North Yorkshire; alpine swift at Sheringham, Norfolk; three short-toed larks at St Mary's, Isles Of Scilly. Details from Birdline 0891 700222. Calls cost 36p a minute cheap rate, 45p at all other times*

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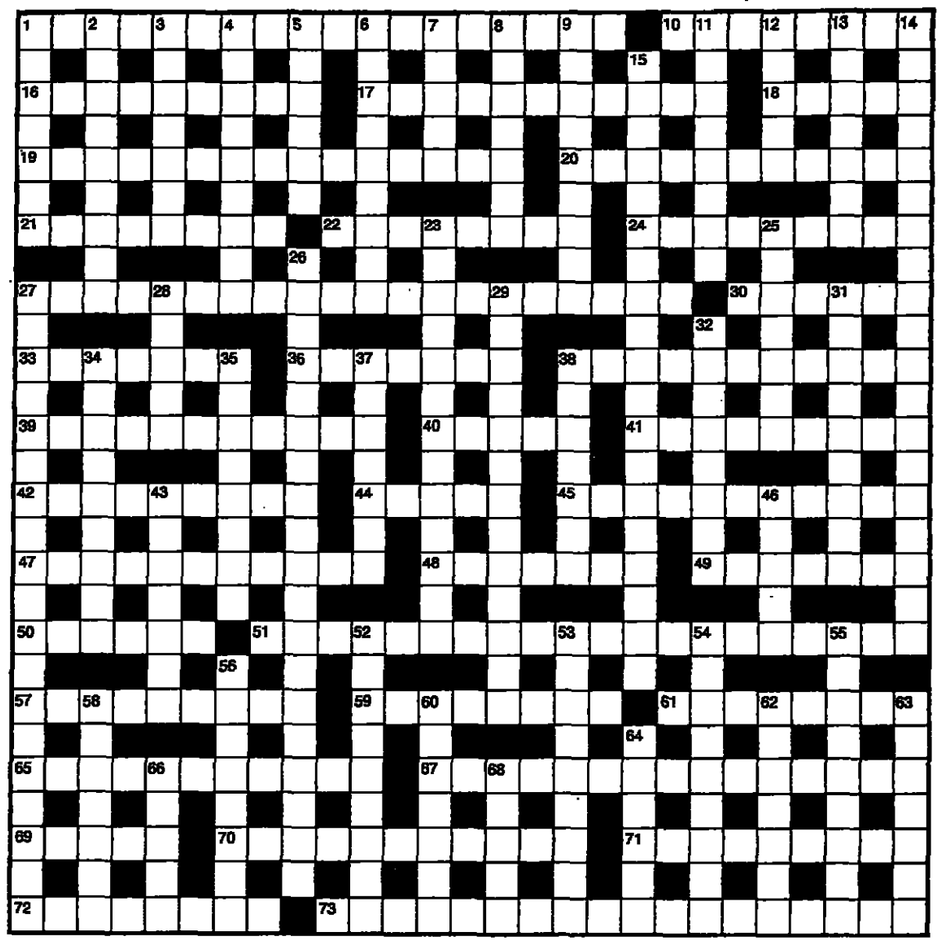
ACROSS

1 Way in which bank is running through our capital (12,6)
10 Variety of the weed a girl named (8)
16 Encouraging batting I displayed during the season (9)
17 Important church role in list Pope *has* put out (11)
18 Originally on sea, then inland ancient town (5)
19 Lie to colonial servant, one who *carries the cases* (9-6)
20 Variety of rich colour left out, as this is monochrome (11)
21 Secure money backing part of *factory* (8)
22 Greek god bringing maiden and poet together (8)
24 Return of friends apt to be cheerfully casual (4-5)
27 Sort of sauce added to beef in this part of the country (8,3,9)
30 Male beast of burden provided for mountainous area (6)
33 City's founder wants our slum rebuilt (7)
36 One bird gripped another (7)
38 Child initially growing up in *street, out of control?* (11)
39 Near-ancient crank, possibly (11)
40 Having little time, Constable's not finished painting (5)
41 Hope country girl in race returned fit (9)
42 Destroying the opposition, so to speak, in winter sport (9)
44 Correspond in a foreign language, mostly (5)
45 Choir and priest arranged before recording started (11)
47 Hunt should get moving when 'e's *brought in* (11)
48 Celebrity embraced by one divine female or another (7)
49 Way animal returns in quicker time (7)
50 Late in life, fall for 10, say (6)
51 Boy's title role (6,4,10)
57 Times criticizes one in preceding period as loquacious (9)
59 Work editor rejected remains in places (8)
61 Supply route initially leads to English town (8)
65 It's a colour mixture they finally used in awful fashion (11)
67 Force using trial and error? It may change (11,4)
69 Deliberately took only part of Polonius's advice? (5)
70 Behaving illegally, as Holmes sometimes was (2,3,6)
71 Awareness *I displayed* in a piece of writing (9)
72 What soldier can wear, can officer? (8)
73 Novel combination of community groups (8,3,7)

DOWN

1 For example, 33 put in matching clothes (4,3)
2 Store's errors I've sorted out (9)
3 He may be made redundant, by George! (7)
4 One who should help person over fence? (9)
5 *Ringed in order to* surround and confine (6)
6 Lecturer's beginning to relax and wait for tenure (9)
7 Solving puzzle of ours, beginners *on the right track* (5)
8 One's finished working with engineers on island (7)
9 Works out taxes (Queen included) (9)
11 Magnificent when holding up air force (8)
12 Brightness providing extra illumination for reader (5)
13 Bid for contract that excludes a cut at the end (2,5)
14 Scientific study of fruit and vegetable, say, in old medical work (7,2,10)
15 Select opening rather badly? *Funny play by Russian* (3,9-7)
23 Academic group's claim to speak about one (13)
25 Equipment for listening to music from top group (4-3)
26 *It helped to educate the men in* Milton Keynes (9,10)
27 Saw how strong-boxes can cause legal problem? (4,5,4,3,3)
28 Fellow a part of university's deceiving (5)
29 Painstaking and sensible about one damaged net (13)
31 Webster must have it in present revision (9)
32 Leaves off burdens (8)
34 Moderate portion, say? It's filling at Christmas (9)
35 Struggle to control main if the gas explodes (3-5)
37 *Quantity of beer 67 drank, perhaps* (7)
38 Person who classifies fish (7)
43 Lift up identification for guard at entrance (7)
46 *Tory's constituents left for* European holiday area (5)
52 Unruly youngster distracted by dear toy (5,4)
53 Eccentricity characteristic of some *printers' output* (9)
54 Greek character attempts to import 13 — there's a growing need for them (9)
55 American river trip, including old *relative* (3,6)
56 Get excited, mostly about prince getting tough (8)
58 Catch up with king and mate (7)
60 Johnsonian scoundrel finally means to strike and cause disorder (7)
62 Nothing left in part of theatre for review (7)
63 It's characteristic of some wines to produce thirst (7)
64 Decline to keep ordinary soldiers in quarters (6)
66 Performers in church, or outside one? (5)
68 Extended summit with face-to-face meeting (5)

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There are no prizes for *this* crossword. The answers will be published on Monday

ACROSS

1 Savoy duo (7,3,8)
10 Motor-driven (tree-)cutter (5-3)
16 Hypnotist (9)
17 Hong Kong status till '97 (5,6)
18 Boundary (5)
19 Mutually misunderstanding (2,5,8)
20 Early-hours hotel worker (5,6)
21 Lazy person (8)
22 Slab atop wall (8)
24 Old revenue officer (9)
27 Be staggered by sudden blow (3,4,4,3,3,3)
30 Confusion (6)
33 Shiver (7)
36 Cure-all (7)
38 Terror of audience (5,6)
39 Oblong-shaped (11)
40 Give (animal) drink (5)
41 Heavy encumbrance (9)
42 Translucent gypsum (9)
44 Concur (5)
45 Troglodyte (4-7)
47 Insufficient body heat (11)
48 Weapon store (7)
49 Aroused (7)
50 Element discovered by Curies (6)
51 Communicate easily from shared values (5,3,4,8)
57 Plated American mammal (9)
59 School *sweet-store* (4-4)
61 College provisioning officer (8)
65 Of the air (11)
67 Game-machine area (9,6)
69 A joining (5)
70 Broad-minded, impossible to upset (11)
71 Drove out ghost (9)
72 Repentant sinner; Oxford college (8)
73 Be on the qui vive (4,4,4,6)

DOWN

1 Nautical compass housing (7)
2 Fail in enumerating (4,5)
3 Soon (poet.) (7)
4 With two propellers (4-5)
5 Still batting (3,3)
6 Servile flatterer (9)
7 (Facial) appearance (5)
8 French absurdist dramatist (7)
9 Decoration (9)
11 Dried grass rick (8)
12 Ice-house (5)
13 Indication (of disease) (7)
14 Past actions, as unalterable (5,5,3,6)
15 Llewellyn Welsh miners' story (3,5,3,2,6)
23 Police house-entry permit (6-7)
25 17C kings (7)
26 Bunyan book (3,8,8)
27 Zero-pressure is unstable (6,6,1,6)
28 Roman Upper Egypt (5)
29 Callous state (13)
31 Clerical neckwear (3-6)
32 Gaelic musical evenings (8)
34 Embraced (9)
35 Age of majority (8)
37 Buddhist beatific state (7)
38 Muslim, opponent of Crusades (7)
43 Amaze (7)
46 Looking at (5)
52 Edible thistle-like plant (9)
53 Solitude (9)
54 Spiny (of plant) (9)
55 Assessment (9)
56 Tavern once (8)
58 Acting in dumb show (7)
60 Break under strain (5,2)
62 Small hide boat (7)
63 Corrected (7)
64 Curative drug (6)
66 Purgative pod (5)
68 Of the town (5)

SOLUTION TO no 151

ACROSS: 1 Topsy-turvy 8 Wolfram 9 Gully 10 Thaw 11 Nobleman 13 Swami 14 Nooks 16 Put to bed 17 Alga 20 Ninth 21 Gravity 22 Stewardess

DOWN: 1 To wit 2 Pull a fast one 3 Yard 4 Unmoor 5 Vigilant 6 Plimsoll line 7 Cygnus 12 Ricochet 13 Supine 15 Gewgaw 18 Abyss 19 Pair

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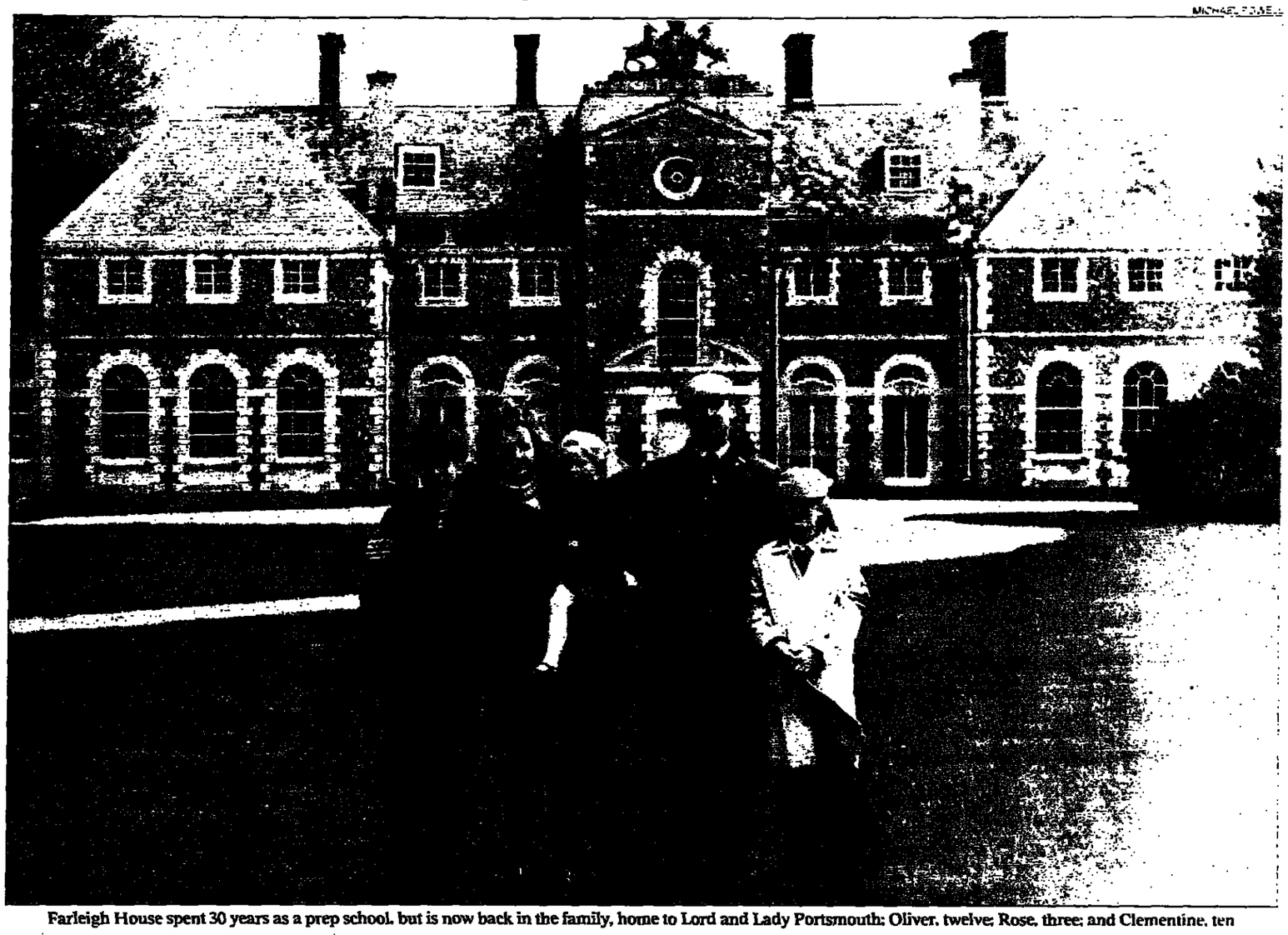
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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

Reclaiming the country house as a home

Fast cars, faxes and the other accessories of modern life make it possible to enjoy the benefits of the country, without living in splendid isolation. Rachel Kelly reports



Farleigh House spent 30 years as a prep school, but is now back in the family, home to Lord and Lady Portsmouth: Oliver, twelve; Rose, three; and Clementine, ten

The British country house is poised for a revival. Fast cars and faxes are offering a new lease of country life to homes that would once have been isolated. A new generation of home-owners is restoring and renovating houses that had fallen on hard times.

Such was the gist of a recent article in *Country Life*, bible of country-house living. It made encouraging reading. How welcome to see houses, once transformed into country clubs or schools or allowed to fall derelict, being given new leases of life as homes.

But is this really happening? Does a new generation really wish to embrace country-house life? Can the difficulties of a large country house — inefficent boilers, too many rooms, too little help — really be overcome? In search of an answer, I travelled to Farleigh House, on the edge of the village of Farleigh Wallop, near Basingstoke in Hampshire, to talk to the 10th Earl and Countess of Portsmouth (family name Wallop). The house had been turned into a prep school, Farleigh Hall. But, in March 1989, it once again became the seat of the Wallop family.

The property came into the family in the mid-15th century. In 1661 the house was burnt down, supposedly on the orders of Charles II in retaliation for Robert Wallop's sitting as a judge of Charles I.

In 1731, the house was rebuilt by the first Earl of Portsmouth, John Wallop, around the remains of a medieval tower which formed the basis of the original house. Little of the structure was altered, apart from various Victorian additions, until this century. In 1936, Lord Portsmouth's grandfather redesigned the house, adding a facade by H.S. Goodhard-Rendell.

After the war and the election of the Attlee government, the 9th Earl moved to Kenya, leaving his agent with instructions to find a tenant for the house — hence the arrival of the prep school.

As you drive through the gates (electronically controlled), it is hard to imagine that from 1953 to 1983 the house was home to some 120 boys. Lord Portsmouth reclaimed the house in 1983, partly spurred by a desire to expel the school he had hated attending as a boy, but mainly to restore the house. Work began on the restoration in the autumn of 1987 and was completed in 1989.

Now, the only sign of the school is the cricket pavilion to the right of the drive. The prefabricated gym and science laboratories, which covered the old kitchen gardens, have vanished. In their place is a garden designed by Georgia Langton.

Inside, the school chapel is once again the dining room, laid for lunch for Lady Portsmouth, her three-year-old daughter Rose, and her stepchildren Oliver, 12, and Clementine, ten.

Gone are the lino floors and fake partition walls. Reception rooms rather than classrooms now fill the main body of the house. The fire-places have been scrubbed and stripped. The kitchens, sculleries and pantries that once fed hungry boys with "quite horrid" food, according to Lord Portsmouth, have been converted into the estate offices, complete with faxes and photocopiers. The kitchen has been brought into the body of the house, obviating the need for lengthy, food-cooling journeys from kitchen to dining-table. The old coach house and stables are let out to a local firm. Upstairs, former dormitories are bedrooms again, and the headmaster's study is Clementine's bedroom, complete with a miniature four-poster.

All the wiring is new, as is the plumbing and the telecommunications. The heating is electronically controlled, allowing the house to be zoned: if just the Portsmouths are at home, only a few rooms are heated. The new roof is heavily insulated. Lord Portsmouth estimates that it is cheaper to heat the house, with its eight bedrooms, than it was to heat his former four-bedroom home on the estate.

He is unwilling to be drawn on the cost. "Oh God," he says over lunch in a local pub. "I hate talking about money." But the bills ran to seven figures, he says. He received only "minimal" grant aid from English Heritage.

It is a tale that would warm the hearts of conservationists and endorses *Country Life*'s argument. Yet Lord Portsmouth thinks his experience is exceptional. The funds were available thanks to the sale of land for building on the edge of Basingstoke. In 1986, he sold several hundred acres, enough to build 2,000 homes, for a "substantial" sum.

The house is of manageable size. The Portsmouths have a staff of two dailies, two gardeners, and a couple who help in the house. "One of the things I love about the house is that when you roll up at the front, you think, gosh, what a pile, but when you go inside the scale is very human," Lord Portsmouth says.

Although the running costs are high, they are offset by income from his 3,000-acre estate and the letting of about 45 estate houses and commercial premises.

Other country-house owners are unlikely to enjoy such fortuitous circumstances. The Historic Houses Association says that while some owners do share the luck of the Portsmouths, many find their houses unmanageable because of their remoteness and size. As Lord Portsmouth admits: "I'm very lucky."

Points to consider when buying a country home

TWO FORMER schools, both of which could be restored as country homes, have been put up for sale. Peper Harow, a Georgian mansion, near Godalming, in Surrey, is on the market through Savills for £3.4 million. It has 43 acres and 14 cottages. Since 1947 the estate has been run by a charitable trust providing education for sick children. If returned to a private home, Peper Harow could offer at least 15 bedrooms and five or six reception rooms.

The other property, Pierrepont House, near Frensham, in Surrey, which has 35 acres of grounds, is on sale through Knight Frank & Rutley for £1.75 million. As a private home, it would provide at least five or six reception rooms and a dozen bedrooms.

Anyone considering buying a country home should ensure they know what they are letting themselves in for:

THE HOUSE: Arrange for a full structural survey. Roof repairs are costly. Other common problems include damp and dry rot; and electrical and plumbing faults. Allow £10,000 to £20,000 to rewire a large country house.

- Check the cost of renovation and refurbishment with the surveyor or with a builder. The basic cost of redecoration on an average country house with eight bedrooms would be in the region of £25,000 to £30,000.
- Take into account the cost of upkeep: medieval stone walls, flagged floors and ballroom-sized bedrooms are hardly cosy; and grand staircases and vaulted ceilings are expensive to heat. Ask the vendors for details of running costs.
- Security: you will need a full alarm system connected to the local police station — this may even be a condition of your insurance. You must budget for its installation. If you are buying a second home you may not wish to leave it unattended while you are not there. Find out the cost of employing a housekeeper.

THE GROUNDS: Are you going to need people to look after them? A full-time gardener will cost at least £10,000 a year. Alternatively, you could recreate the garden with more lawns and fewer borders so you only need a gardener once or twice a week, which would cut the cost to £3,000-£4,000 a year.

- Check the condition and running costs of facilities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, stabling and paddocks.
- If the house has a lodge occupied by a former employee, find out whether they have a service occupancy or a tenancy. A tenant has the right to stay.
- Has any part of the land you are buying been rented out to a local farmer? If a farmer has been farming the land for three years or more, he will have created a full-term tenancy whether or not he had a written agreement with the previous owner, so the land you are buying would not be available to you.
- Check the boundaries: make sure that the map on the sale details matches that on the title deeds. Check footpaths, rights of way, sporting and mineral rights. You might not be able to shoot your own pheasants or fish your own river.

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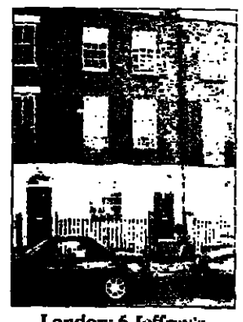


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Perthshire: Craigellie, Alyth. "B" listed country house in four acres of mature gardens and paddocks. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms (two *en suite*), drawing room, sitting room, dining room, billiard room, study, kitchen, utility room, flower room and cloakroom. Wing with two bedrooms, bathroom, living room, kitchen. Garaging for three cars. About £250,000 (Savills, 0356 622187).



London: 6 Jeffrey's Street, NW1. Grade II-listed, restored four-storey house, with garden and terrace. Three bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, double reception room, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, cellar. About £250,000 (John D. Wood, 071-267 3267).

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Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.

4/5 Teddy man: The literary world was out in force to greet the first volume of *John Betjeman: Letters*, edited by his daughter Candida Lycett-Green (Methuen, £20).

In *The Spectator*, John Osborne was almost beside himself with joy: "Into the black well of last week," he said, "the stone rolled back, light appeared, and this gorgeous book . . . left me blinking and dazed with delight." He wanted this monument to "the ineffably unordinary" sent to "every sullen, ignorant teacher in the land".

A. L. Rowse in the *Evening Standard* said that Betjeman was a "marvellous letter writer", and the book was "as rich as a huge saffron bun of my Cornish childhood".

In *The Daily Telegraph*, John Mortimer wrote a letter of his own to Betjeman: "What I liked most was hearing the sound of your voice again and your laughter." Lycett-Green's biographical interludes were "riveting, frank and tasteful".

Alan Hollinghurst, writing in *The Independent on Sunday*, said that Betjeman's "ability to make people laugh resounds through this book as persistently as church bells do through his poems". Lycett-Green's footnotes "often fail to satisfy our curiosity", but her chapter introductions were "touching and telling".

In *The Sunday Times*, Julian Symons said that Betjeman was "not a literary genius, not a great or even notable poet" — but that "he had a kind of passion for the things that he loved that is probably rarer than genius". In *The Times*, Peter Ackroyd found the letters to be "confiding, candid, voluble, unrestrained".

Roy Strong in the *Sunday Express* gave the harshest verdict: "the letters rarely stand up on their own," he declared — while Betjeman's poetry was just "the voice of middle England through a certain period . . . How much longer will it retain its hold?" he asked sternly.

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Stop being silly, Jilly

Polly Toynbee wonders why Jilly Cooper carries on turning out her best-selling piffle

■ THE MAN WHO MADE *HUSBANDS JEALOUS*
By Jilly Cooper
Corgi, £5.99



Jilly Cooper — "If she really were the ninny she affects to be, we could shrug off her daffyness as a freak of nature"

WHAT is it exactly that is so infuriating about Jilly Cooper? I think it is her brains. If she really were the brainless ninny she affects to be, perhaps we could shrug off her bubble-headed daffyness as a poor freak of nature. But she is not a writer in the style of Barbara Cartland, nor yet a Jackie Collins. Lurking inside all this fluffiness there has always been a sharp pen, a beady eye, and an intelligence that belies the Little Me come-on.

For 13 years she used to write a column in *The Sunday Times* that had its moments in wit and incisiveness. She had a line in the Hopeless Housewife, the Slatternly Slob which was an endearing antidote to the sheer awfulness of the Shirley Conran "Superwoman" nonsense of those days. (Superwoman, you may remember, told you how to wash your light bulbs to get more power out of them, how to clean a silver teapot, and warned you to keep a dinner-party sized dish of *blanquette de veau* in your freezer in case your husband brought the boss home unexpectedly.)

However, Cooper also had a strong line in how to stay sexy and keep your husband, and how not to nag and bore him. Unwisely she wrote a book called *How to Stay Married*. Coquettish and kittenish, she contrasted nicely with the terrifying marauding hordes of dungareed feminists from the *Guardian* women's page, *Spare Rib* and the like.

In terms of 1970s feminism, she was a one-woman Vichy government. But rather like the Government's back-to-basics policy, it was fraught with danger. A dreadful collective *Schadenfreude* rebounded painfully on her recently when the newspapers gloated across acres of space over revelations of her husband's six-year affair. The one part of this book that suddenly gleams a little with a semblance of life retells a story strikingly similar, and real feelings break through to expose a glimmer of that pain.

But what on earth makes Cooper our current best-read writer? After reading 732 pages of her latest unadultered piffle (though plenty of adultery), I ended up none the wiser, not a jot. Jolly modern upper-class japes and a lot of insufficiently pornographic bonking takes place in Rutshire (ha ha), a thin disguise for her native Gloucestershire. It is peopled by characters who would be unspeakable were they not unbelievable.

"Lysander Hawkley . . . at 22 was tall, broad-shouldered, heart-stoppingly handsome, wildly affectionate, with a wall-to-wall smile that withered women," the tome begins. The neglected wives of Rutshire hire him for their pleasure, but mainly to drive their erring husbands wild with jealousy. In come twins Sebastian and Dominic Carlisle, "roaring up in a dark green Aston Martin".

There is a handy cast list of characters inside the front cover to keep checking lest they fail to imprint themselves on your memory as you read on. "Rupert Campbell-Black, multimillionaire owner/trainer, ex-world show-jumping champion. Mecca for most women"; "Miss Bates — a temp with tempting ankles"; "Beattie Johnson — a seductive, totally unprincipled journalist". Need I go on?

Cooper is plainly very nice. Interviewers are bowled over by her friendliness and self-deprecation. She is a famous dog-lover, and her next book is to be called *Huskies*, about rugged dogs (and men) in the Arctic Circle. But why does she do it? It cannot still be the money, so it must be an addiction. Once a writer sells his or her soul, it is rare ever to get it back from the demon fascination of best-sellerdom. Somewhere in there is the lost soul of a writer who could do better, and nobody ever thought that of Jackie Collins.

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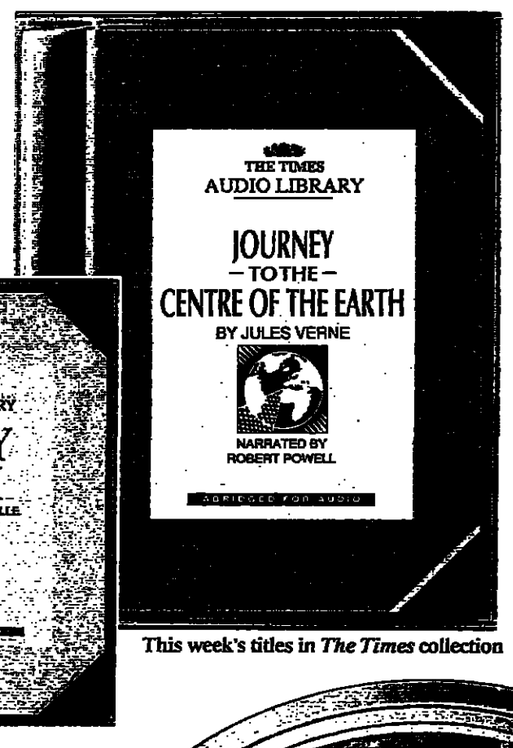
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When the reader has it taped

Having someone read to them has always been a pleasure for certain people. Mr Boffin, the Golden Dustman in Dickens's *Our Mutual Friend*, employs the street-seller Silas Wegg to read to him. Wegg is hardly able to read any better than Boffin, but he manages to inform Boffin that the set of books he has got is the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, not the "Rooshan" Empire, and he sets out determinedly on his task, "stumbling at Polybius, but up again and galloping smoothly with Augustus".

Dickens himself is the reading-matter in the South American jungle village in Evelyn Waugh's *A Handful of Dust*, where Tony Last ends his days as a prisoner of old Mr Todd, the white chief of the local natives, and is forced to read the complete novels of Dickens to him again and again.

Mr Todd's great pleasure is now available without such extreme measures. Audio books, with an actor or actress reading them, are filling the shelves in the bookshops. Just as the first cars were got up to look like coaches, so audio books on the shelves look at first glance like the printed originals. The boxes are about the same size as books, and have a printed spine. But take them down and open them, and they prove to be like those hollowed-out books in thrillers that have a gun inside — only these contain a set of cassettes.

Most people who listen to them like playing them while they are doing something else: driving, ironing, painting a room — jobs that are done half-mechanically. That allows the right degree of absorption, while doubling the value of your time.

Enthusiasts even say that you can get more out of listening to a novel read aloud than out of reading it to yourself. If the reader is a good one, he or she will constantly bring out meanings for you which the eye might glide over. Every change of intonation and emphasis can make the experience more vivid.

There is a special pleasure in hearing a novel that you have already read on the page. You get fresh and perhaps unexpected interpretations at every twist of the story. One very popular audio book is Michael Elder's reading of F. Anstey's *Vice Versa*. In this novel a father, Mr Bultitude, magically becomes his son. Here the reader can do something that the printed page cannot do: give the boy the bass voice of the man, enhancing the comic effect.

Another great favourite is Jane Lapotaire's reading of Jane Austen's *Emma*. Lapotaire has a wonderful gift for changing her voice as the different characters speak — the ponderous Mr Woodhouse, or the old, breathless Miss Bates. That kind of reading — almost turning the book into a play — is much more popular than a plain reading without any attempt to distinguish among the characters' voices.

Jane Austen's Mr Woodhouse had distinct views on how people should read things to him. He liked to have "everything read slowly and distinctly and two or three times over, with explanations of every part". That is not quite, perhaps, what you get on audio books. Jane Eyre used to read to Mr Rochester. Dorothea in *Middlemarch* also used to read to her husband Casaubon — but that was to send him to sleep again in the middle of the night, so perhaps she would not have been an ideal model.

Anyhow, the voices are now there in abundance, and *The Times* is making an offer of some of them, including some notable readers and books. They are perfect servants. They will not blackmail you, as Silas Wegg in the end blackmailed Mr Boffin, nor will they try to escape, as poor Tony Last did so unsuccessfully from the heartless Mr Todd. They are at your command.

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Dickens's children Mamie, Katey and Wallie with Grip the Raven listen to Charley reading

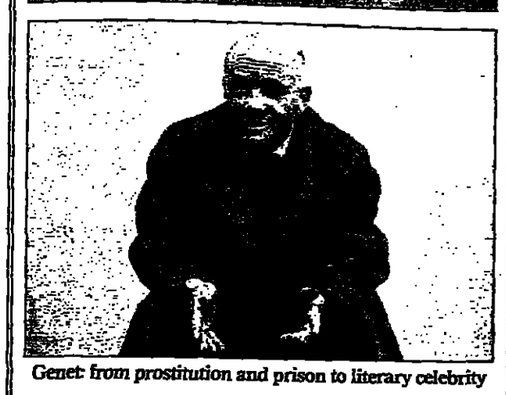
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Genet: from prostitution and prison to literary celebrity

■ GENET
By Edmund White
Picador, £9.99
Jean Genet was angry, bigoted and cruelly misogynistic. He was also a thief and a prostitute, half-educated and incapable, before the age of 30, of writing even a decent letter. Then, in 1942, came a five-year creative period which made him France's most influential author since Proust.

In semi-autobiographical books such as *The Thief's Journal*, Genet caused a storm with his frank depictions of homosexual sex and created a myth of himself that has both fascinated and confused a public unable to separate the truth from the fiction. Edmund White's monumental 800-page biography keeps the books clearly in focus throughout, challenging every myth and preconception as it appears.

Abandoned as a baby, Genet spent much of his youth in institutions, four years in prison, and a year in vagabondage in central Europe, before coming under the wing of Jean Cocteau, who protected him from the law and encouraged his writing. Always an outcast ("my true homeland is any old railway station"), he was nonetheless, according to White, not quite the terror his fictive persona suggests.

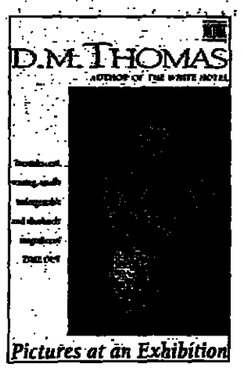
Using the books to illuminate the life, rather than vice-versa, this is not as toweringly intellectual as Sartre's 1952 study, *Saint Genet*, but it is much more accurate in its factual detail. Genet led his life at the hectic pace of a thriller, and his biography makes fascinating reading as a result.

■ A REED SHAKEN BY THE WIND By Gavin Maxwell
Eland, £8.99
During the Gulf War, the world was made suddenly aware of the plight of the marsh Arabs. Persecuted, reviled, here was a unique community on the brink of extinction. Time was, however, when their existence was one of the world's best-kept secrets. When, in the 1950s, Gavin Maxwell visited them in the swamps of southern Iraq, he encountered one of the still forgotten, unknown places on earth. Alas, no more. Far more than an exotic travel book, this is a lovely, moving portrait of a way of life which is now vanishing before us.

■ A TRIP TO THE LIGHT FANTASTIC: Travels with a Mexican circus By Katie Hickman
Flamingo, £5.99
Hickman's Mexico comes to life in her epic year-long quest to discover and understand the taunting, elusive soul of a truly magical place. Using Circo Bell as a vehicle, she immerses herself in the harsh, nomadic lifestyle and becomes a performer in her own right as *la gringa estrella*. Her fascinating bizarre tales about the circus performers' lives read as imaginatively as any characters from a novel by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.



■ DELUSIONS OF GRANDMA
By Carrie Fisher
Touchstone, £5.99
Struggling to emerge from a morass of puns, this overwritten romantic comedy, about a manically witty Hollywood script-rewriter who falls out with her lover then finds she is pregnant, fails to make up for clogged wordiness despite flashes of memorable observation. Cora's friends and relatives include one dying from an Aids-related illness and one with Alzheimer's, besides the uniquely dotty grandma of the title. Poised as Fisher is between Ephron and Maupin, many of her thoughts on life, death and courtship are too good to be wasted in this syrup of clever sentimentality.



Pictures at an Exhibition

■ PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION
By D.M. Thomas
Sceptre, £5.99
Teetering under the weight of its own intricacy, this novel shows how the Holocaust reaches down to the present day through generations of blurred identities and stifled facts. Unfortunately, the delicately stabbing revelations which appear every few pages make it almost impossible to describe the plot without giving too much away. However, it is enough to say that all the characters (both now and in wartime) are intensely involved with psychoanalysis (and its perpetrators). Thomas unpicks every persona with tireless ruthlessness, making this a horrible and riveting read.

● *Contributors: Giles Coren, Alison Burns, Jason Cowley, Tania Glyde and Juliette Dominguez*

There is a great deal of bad English about, but is correct English the same as good English?

Preaching the good word

■ THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH
By Harry Blamires
Bloomsbury, £18.99.



KEITH WATERHOUSE

HARRY Blamires has been busy with the scissors. This book, the latest in a long line of teach-yourself-English manuals (a growth industry since schools began to fall down on the job 30 years ago), consists of some 1,250 examples of misuses of the language, clipped from newspapers and periodicals and doggedly corrected by the author.

Assembling the evidence cannot have been difficult. Browsing through my papers over breakfast, I unearthed a brace of samples in the time it took to boil an egg. "Cats are finely balanced springs waiting to explode" (mixed metaphor); "the NUM described as 'blackmail' a British Coal offer of £10,000 a man if the pit closure is not contested" (misuse: how can an inducement be blackmail?). Unlike Blamires, I will not name the guilty.

He is right, of course, to bring them to book. From his first example — "Unlike a building society, there are no penalties for withdrawing cash before a term is up" (phrase left hanging in the air) — to his last — "Manufacturers have wised up quickly to our enthusiasm for low calorie foods" (there is no verb to "wise" either up or down according to Blamires, although the OED does not agree with him) — he is a self-appointed vigilante against sloppy English.

While he may have been unwise in picking on "wise up", he has spotted some choice howlers: "Freshwater fish are better at teaching principles of ecology . . ." "For the benefit of all passengers, the buffet bar is now closed." Educationalists, defending teaching standards, dismiss these kinds of slip as "anecdotal". Then there is a wealth of anecdotes: Blamires culled his collection from 3,000 specimens.

He can be a touch magisterial. He will not, for instance, have "with" combined with a past participle. Thus *The Times* catches it for "With the social problems bred by 20 per cent unemployment, high emigration and a narrow economic base, Mr Haughey's fall is a mercy". Blamires would have this read, "In view of the social problems bred by 20 per cent unemployment", etc. At which point one realises that he does not appreciate journalese as a legitimate branch of the language.

"The high cost to Britain if Labour gained power was spelt out by the Government yesterday" gets the thumbs-down because the "if" clause requires a verb rather than a noun. Mr Blamire changes it to "The high cost Britain would pay if Labour gained power was spelt out by the Government yesterday". And reveals himself to have a tin ear — as he does again, to take another random example, in putting right, "One day in 1990, Jackson broke into the flat where his wife had moved to and found her in bed with Mr Gibbs". "Where his wife had moved to" is admittedly inelegant, but see what the author of *The Queen's English* would have instead: "Jackson broke into the flat whither his wife had moved and found her in bed." Whither? I should like to see *The Daily Telegraph* reporter who wrote that story trying to get "whither" past his sub-editor.

Blamires, in short, is of the kill-or-cure school of English. Taking the sentence, "But a particularly narrow piece of road meant that anything bigger than a couple of cars couldn't pass at the same time", and pointing out that vehicles can pass each other only if they are present simultaneously, he amends it to "The narrowness of a certain section of the road ensured that no vehicles larger than cars could pass each other there". It now stands corrected — but does it stand improved? Again, correcting a story about boats, he changes "Unfortunately, being built of wood, time has taken its toll" (which makes it sound as though time is built of wood) to "Unfortunately, being made of wood, she has suffered from the passage of time." Why does he want to alter the sturdy "built" to the neutered "made"?

There is more to English usage than grammatical correctness. A sentence that offends against one of the more obscure rules yet glides along smoothly is preferable to one that is linguistically pure but jars.

As to bad English, Blamires has done the language a service by showing that there is a lot of it about. His book will teach the reader to write correct English, but not how to write good English.

Let's talk about me

Nigella Lawson on a life of Peter Sellers that says more about biographer than actor

■ THE LIFE AND DEATH OF PETER SELLERS
By Roger Lewis
Century, £20

BEWARE a man who boasts of his achievements at university. Roger Lewis, Peter Sellers's latest biographer, is such a man. "He was educated at St Andrews University and Magdalen College, Oxford" the back flap of the book jacket trumpets, "where (breaking a record set by C. S. Lewis) he won the Charles Oldham Shakespeare Prize, the Chancellor's English Essay Prize and the Matthew Arnold Memorial Prize in a single academic year, and was made a Fellow of Wolfson College at the age of 24". For this, to be sure, he is to be congratulated. But for biographers, mature reflection and a degree of self-effacement are greater aids than the embarrassing egotism of the precocious, however gifted.

We know we are in trouble even before page one. The introduction begins, "My first movie love was Norman Wisdom", and follows with an imagery-soaked paragraph conjuring up the author's childhood — "the rain-lashed industrial South Wales" — which develops into several pages of self-aggrandising reflection, itself added to by facetious footnotes. Thus, after reading Lewis's description of Wisdom as "defiantly retarded", we are directed to a footnote wittily informing us, "I refer of course to his roles. Off-screen Mr Wisdom may very well be a Nobel laureate in science, medicine, literature and the promotion of peace". It evidently has not occured to Lewis that for the task in hand, he is a person of no consequence.

The life of Sellers is not, assuredly, virgin territory for the biographer. Sellers had a genius for mimicry, was horrible to his wives and worse to his children, was an impossible friend to others and an enemy to himself. This much we already know. A new book, at a length of some 900 pages and written by someone without any personal knowledge of his subject, should offer us something new. I am not sure this one does.

The Life and Death of Peter Sellers is a wearyingly long book, partly because of Lewis's leave-no-card-index-unturned approach. Not a piece of research, a conversation, a thought, an exchange along the way is allowed to blossom unseen. Lewis even prints some of the letters he writes as he rounds up the usual suspects.

Another explanation for the book's unwieldy size is that Lewis plumps it up with unnecessary asides — "Across the Atlantic, another wilful virtuoso was reinventing himself on radio — Orson Welles" — and self-regarding pronouncements. He brings in his own comments to his interviewees just to impress us — "'The charmed life became his cursed life,' I said" — and is constantly being "reminded" of Shakespeare, Coleridge, Donne or some such. He mentions in passing a novel by P. D. James and then quotes at length from one of the characters in it; something V. S. Pritchett said about Henry James gets an airing, so Lewis sees fit to quote from James. And so on.

The facts of Sellers's work and life are certainly there — in train-spotting detail. But there is nothing in essence new, nothing which illuminates. I suppose it is an original contribution to ask, "Was he a homosexual?" but he does not satisfactorily answer the question, nor, for that matter, does he take responsibility for asking the question in the first place. He dishonestly attributes it to hosts of unseen shrinks.

No biographer should be uncritical of his subject, but even in showing what is repellent about him, it is necessary to show first what attracts. This Lewis singularly fails to do. One cannot help feeling that he feels in competition with his subject, is resentful of his talents and triumphant in his demise. He accuses Sellers of having "too high an opinion of himself"; thus he indentifies his own failing.



Peter Sellers in *Murder by Death*. The master of diguise is not unmasked in Roger Lewis's biography

A trust we should not betray

Worthy and even unglamorous, Book Trust's work is essential

In the early 1920s, a cruise line asked the publisher Stanley Unwin if he could supply it with a list of worthwhile books about the West Indies. Unwin, always tenacious in selling Allen & Unwin's products, did not see why he should provide sales for rival publishers. On the other hand, he did see that there was much to be said for an independent organisation to promote the British book.

Thus, in 1925, a body called the National Book Council came into being. Later it became the National Book League, and occupied an august building in Albermarle Street, off Piccadilly, central London, where little old ladies met for tea and chat, exhibitions were held, the Mark Longman Library of books about the book trade was housed and gentle talks were delivered.

Its director for many years was Martyn Goff, now chairman of the board of directors. Goff presided over the NBL's change of name to Book Trust and its move from Mayfair to Wandsworth, south London, where for nearly two decades the organisation has worked out of the handsome old Wandsworth Town Hall, renamed Book House. Goff was created OBE for his efforts.

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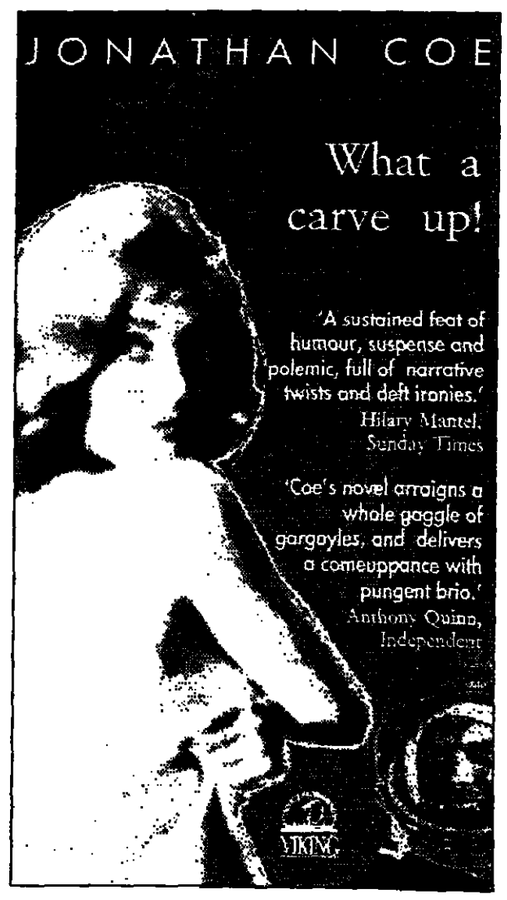
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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

This weekend the motoring organisations expect up to 100,000 calls for help from drivers. **Kevin Eason** reports

Car doctors with a roadside manner

Thousands of people place in Steve Poole the same sort of faith they have in their family doctor. They appreciate that he sees them when they are at their worst: in trouble and unable to help themselves.

This weekend, millions of holidaymakers will set off for a Bank Holiday break with their families and friends, but many will spend at least part of the time stranded at the side of the road waiting for Mr Poole. He is one of the army of breakdown patrolmen who field distress calls from motorists in trouble, who are worrying about getting home, and the prospect of huge garage bills.

The motoring organisations say that the number of car breakdowns usually doubles over Bank Holiday weekends. Last year's spring break (including the Friday) resulted in the AA and RAC answering about 74,000 calls between them. National Breakdown, the third biggest motoring organisation, estimates that there will be a total of 100,000 call-outs this weekend.

> "The RAC man needed the diplomatic skills of a Henry Kissinger to calm down the irate member"

Last Easter was typical of the Bank Holiday toll, with the RAC's Midlands control centre at Bescot, alongside the M6 near Walsall, where Mr Poole is based, besieged by calls over the four days.

This is Mr Poole's diary for Good Friday, which saw him going into action within five minutes of starting his day's shift.

At 8.04am, his portable computer, which lists the name of the stranded motorist, location, make of car and registration number, beeped into life on the dashboard of his Isuzu Trooper. In a city the size of Birmingham, trying to find a stranded car could be like looking for a needle in a haystack, but Mr Poole knew the address of this caller in Kingstanding, north Birmingham, by heart and was there in 15 minutes. "One of my regulars," he said.

Being a mechanic who can detect a fault in any car at any time of day in any weather is not the only ability required. The RAC man needed the diplomatic skills of a Henry Kissinger to calm the irate member who claimed that another RAC "knight" had towed his faulty car home the night before without rectifying the problem. Little wonder — the V-registered Cortina looked as though its best days had long passed. Mr Poole discovered that the points were beyond hope and fitted a new set, free.

Within ten minutes, Mr Poole was on his way to Perry Common, a few miles away, where a postman had locked his car keys in the boot. Using his know-how, Mr Poole retrieved the keys in seconds.

KEVIN EASON



Hard shoulder to cry on: but for the Tierney family, whose Granada blew a spark plug on the M42 while towing a caravan, RAC patrolman Steve Poole turned out to be a knight of the road

Meanwhile, the computer link to Bescot was beeping with the next call. A woman was stranded with a flat tyre at the Tyburn health centre, in Erdington, and was unable to change the wheel. Within 15 minutes the spare wheel had been fitted, and Mr Poole was on his way again.

Three early calls in a couple of hours: all were minor jobs, which allowed Mr Poole to achieve what he regards as the priority: to get the motorist going again.

The Trooper is stuffed with about 250 different spare parts, from alternators and timing belts to clutch cables, gaskets, thermostats and a collection of nuts and bolts. In all they are worth about £3,000.

Mr Poole has piles of repair manuals relating to different makes of car, but his bible is *Tricks of the Trade*, a book compiled by RAC mechanics over many years of repairing faults at the roadside.

"We see cars when they go wrong with faults which even the manufacturers may not spot," he said. "We record the faults and cures so that if we are stumped for an answer the book may have a little trick that saves time, or save us from doing even more damage to the car because we didn't know about one particular little problem." That sort of "trickery" comes in useful when trying to find out why a Ford Fiesta will not start. The J-registered car, in this case, had been left on a driveway while the RAC member went on holiday for three weeks. When he came back, it refused to start, although everything seemed to be in order. Mr Poole arrived at 10.50am, and within a couple of minutes realised that the car's alarm equipment had drained the battery.

The work was finished by 11.05am, and within a few seconds he was on his way to another call, one of those he dreads: a motorway breakdown. On the way to the M42, nearly 30 miles away, Mr Poole explained: "You would be amazed what happens. I was doing one call on the M6 in the rush hour when a car pulled up alongside, in the inside lane of the motorway, and the driver wound down the window to ask directions to London.

"Sometimes people use mobile phones to ring for help but then can't tell us where they are. We use the roadside emergency telephones to pinpoint locations."

In the case of this motorway call, the Tierney family, from Tamworth, had been unlucky. On their way north, their Ford Granada pulling a caravan blew a spark plug, stranding the parents and two sons near Wishaw. By this time, the motorway was solid with holiday traffic so reaching the Tierneys was a long haul. Mr Poole spotted the stranded car and caravan near a roadside telephone box. The repair was soon completed.

It was now after midday, and the first chance for Mr Poole to take a break, at the Bescot headquarters, which handles about 1,800 calls on a normal working day. After lunch and an hour's rest, he was on his way again, this time further afield, to Dudley, where a Ford Granada was refusing to start. On the packed M6, the 20-mile journey took an hour.

By the time Mr Poole found the car, in a factory car park, a snowstorm had started. The car's problem was quickly traced to a worn connection on the alternator which needed replacing. The garages were closed for the weekend and the driver needed to get home to Stoke-on-Trent, so Mr Poole rigged up a temporary connection.

His hands were freezing after 45 minutes' work, but there was no respite. A priority call came from a woman alone and stranded in Wednesbury. There was good news and bad on Tessa Morgan's ageing Montego: the bad news was that the timing belt had snapped; the good news was that Mr Poole was able to replace it for £15 instead of a garage charge of £40.

By now it was 3.45pm — 15 minutes from the end of his shift — but Mr Poole still had to return to Bescot to prepare an RAC truck to tow a faulty car to the north of England. "I don't know where I'll be off to next," he said, "but there will be plenty of motorists waiting for repairs or a tow over the holidays. There always are."

Despite warnings from the motoring organisation, many family car drivers still happily head for the coast or countryside without first checking that their cars are in working order. The result: a breakdown and frayed tempers.

The AA, which has 7.6 million members and answered a total of 4.5 million calls last year, says that, based on last May's Bank Holiday calls, it expects to attend about 47,800 breakdowns this weekend.

In a sample telephone survey of 500 members about Bank Holiday motoring, the AA found that while 86 per cent thought that traffic congestion was getting worse, 58 per cent still intended to use their cars despite expecting delays.

The RAC, which has 5.9 million members and last year answered a total of 2.9 million calls, is expecting about 18,000 holiday breakdown calls today, tomorrow and on Monday. Figures for yesterday are expected to reach 8,200.

The forecast by National Breakdown, which has 2.5 million members, and handled a total of 850,000 calls last year, is gloomy. It anticipates that about 100,000 drivers will have problems this weekend.

Typical troubles will include flat tyres — about 3,500; flat batteries — 2,500; and "key problems", with about 2,500 owners discovering they have lost, broken or locked their keys inside their cars.

THE RAC says that thorough checking before a journey, particularly a long one, is the key to avoiding breakdowns, and offers the following guidelines to prevent mishaps.

1 Ensure that your vehicle is regularly serviced and maintained.

2 Before you set off, check the oil, coolant, screenwash and brake fluid levels.

3 Check all tyre pressures, including the spare.

4 Check your tyre treads for bald patches; there should be a minimum of 2mm tread remaining on all parts of the tyre, including the spare tyre.

5 Make sure that all lights and indicators are in good working order.

6 Make sure that all lights and number plates are clean and visible.

7 Ensure that you carry replacement parts, such as spark plugs, bulbs, fan belt and a spare key, along with the correct tools for changing tyres.

8 Don't overload your vehicle with unnecessary items; adjust your tyre pressures to cope with the additional weight in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's handbook.

9 A pre-journey check should also be carried out on caravans and trailers, especially the tyres and electrical connections to the vehicle. Make sure you have a spare tyre and, for the caravan, a key.

10 Plan your route before you set off, and take a good road map with you.

The rival 'knights' battling to rescue you

Breaking down can be a nightmare for motorists, but for the rescue organisations it is a profitable and competitive business. Their advertisements depict roads as a cross between armageddon and the Wild West, with drivers just a uncture away from all sorts f evil. They imply that anyone olhardy enough to drive ithout the security of membership is betraying their earest and dearest.

Here we look at some of the mpanies and detail their affling array of services nd charges.

Autohome, 202/204 ettering Road, Northampton N1 4HE (0604 232334).

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Automobile Association, rfolk House, Priestley Road, singstoke, Hampshire, 24 9NY (0800 919595).

bscribers: 7.6 million.

trols/service agents: 3,600.

Call out time: 65 minutes from "phone to fix".

Enrolment fee: none

Services and annual charges: ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE offers immediate repair or tow to local garage, £36; AA RELAY, as Roadside Assistance but with passengers conveyed to destination, £62; HOME START, as AA Relay allowing repair at member's home and tow to nearest garage, £81; AA RELAY PLUS, as Home Start but with option of 48-hour car hire, overnight hotel accommodation or refund of reasonable public transport costs, £99. AA EUROPE (additional £49.50) provides repair and recovery, legal advice, Spanish bail bond, emergency travel expenses and credit facilities.

Cover: personal membership covers member and any vehicle (as driver or passenger); car must be under ten years old for AA Europe.

● **Britannia Rescue:** *St George's Square, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD1 1JF (0800 591565).*

Subscribers: 350,000.

Patrols/service agents: 3,000.

Call-out time: average response time 34 minutes.

Enrolment fee: £10 (waived if paid by credit or direct debit).

Services and annual charges: SUPERSTART provides recovery to nearest garage, housecall, journey continuation within a ten-mile radius, £26.50; RESCUE PLUS provides roadside assistance, recovery to nearby garage, major accident recovery to nearby garage, £40; STANDARD gives roadside assistance and recovery to destination of choice, major accident recovery, relief driver, £54.50; COMPREHENSIVE offers roadside assistance, recovery to destination, house call, major accident recovery, relief driver, £72; DELUXE, as Comprehensive with hotel accommodation or relief car, £88. Europe (Britannia Continental) starts from £3[illegible]5.



Cover: one car, any driver. Any car covered for £18 a year premium.

● **Environmental Transport Association:** *The Old Post House, Heath Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8BR (0932 828882).*

Smaller service with 10,000 subscribers and 1,500 agents. £20 annual fee and £10 joining fee (waived if paid by direct debit). Charges depend on car's age. ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE provides repair and recovery to the nearest garage, £20 for three-year-old car; HOME RESCUE, as Roadside Assistance but with at-home service, £36; RECOVERY PLUS, as Roadside Assistance plus cover in Europe with recovery to destination or garage, personal accident and legal cover. FULL RESCUE, total package with Home Rescue, £49 for three-year-old car.

● **Europ Assistance:** *Sussex House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1DN (0444 442211).*

Subscribers: 2 million.

Patrols/service agents: 1,500.

Call-out time: 43 minutes.

Enrolment fee: None.

Services and annual charges: SELECT covers nationwide roadside assistance for breakdowns, transport of car and passengers to destination, home or local garage, hotel expenses and car hire. Select is available for one, two or three years for £35, £65 and £95 respectively, with up to two additional cars for £55 per car for three years, and includes free cover for caravans and trailers. A 14-day Family Continental Motoring package is offered for £77.

Cover: any driver, car must be no more than ten years old. Europ Assistance will not respond if carelessness (lost keys or running out of petrol) causes problem.

● **Mondial Assistance:** *201-241 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XT (081-681 2525).*

Subscribers: 750,000.

Patrols/agents: 1,500.

Call-out time: 35 minutes average.

Enrolment fee: None

Services and annual charges: ROADSERVICE gives home assistance, recovery and travel to destination, plus message service, £75. ROADSERVICE SILVER, as Roadservice plus car collection, overnight accommodation, replacement car, medical transport and legal helpline, £84. ROADSERVICE GOLD adds full cover in Europe, bail deposit guarantee and car collection, £99.

Cover: any driver, vehicle must be no more than 15 years old.

● **National Breakdown:** *PO Box 300, Leeds, LS99 2LZ (0532 393939).*

Subscribers: 2.5 million.

Patrols/service agents: 1,500.

Call-out time: mostly under 40 minutes

Enrolment fee: £7 (waived if paid by credit card or direct debit).

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● **Royal Automobile Club** (RAC Motoring Services): *PO Box 33, Stretford, Manchester M32 0SQ (0800 550550).*

Subscribers: 5.9million.

Patrols/agents: 2,500.

Call-out time: within 60 minutes for 85 per cent of calls.

Enrolment fee: £12.

Services and annual charges: STARTER offers roadside assistance and recovery to nearby garage for registered vehicle, £29; NEW RESCUE, as Starter plus at-home service, and any vehicle cover, £60; NEW RECOVERY, as New Rescue plus recovery anywhere in the UK, £89; REFLEX, as New Recovery plus overnight accommodation, medical assistance, onward travel, £99; REFLEX EUROPE gives full rescue and recovery in UK and Europe, £134 (£55 extra for cars more than ten years old). Specialist (repair and recovery): SPRINT (£69) for motorcyclists, and RESPONSE (£81) for disabled drivers.

Cover: member cover for registered cars, or member cover for any vehicle.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN

Title drive starts

Company Car Driver of the Year contest attracts over 70 firms

SOME of the biggest names in business have joined the drive by *The Times* to find Britain's best company car drivers.

At the close of entries this week for *The Times*/Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year competition, more than 70 companies had entered teams.

The teams range from drivers for multinationals, such as Colgate-Palmolive and British Gas, to a team of executives from the egg-producers Stonegate Farmers, and three community nurses from the Bath & West NHS Trust.

Other entrants include drivers from Leyland DAF Trucks, Hitachi Data Systems, Bristol & West Building Society, GrandMet, Kuwait Petroleum (GB), Silentnight Beds and the Tupperware Company.

The variety of entries for the competition — organized by Lease Plan, Europe's biggest vehicle leasing and fleet management company — promises a keen contest, and the big test will start with regional heats to be held over the next few weeks.

During the regional tests, nearly 250 company car drivers will be put through their paces by Drive Tech, one of Britain's leading driver-training companies.



At the wheel of the new Nissan Primera, the award-winning model made by the Japanese company at Washington, Tyne & Wear, the drivers will be expected to show an intimate knowledge of roadcraft as well as driving skills.

For the best drivers from the regional heats, there is the reward of appearing in the final at the Silverstone race circuit in Northamptonshire, the home of the Formula 1 British Grand Prix, where the drivers will be tested by the John Watson Performance Driving Centre on road and track.

The prize for the winner, and his or her fleet manager, will be a visit to the Portuguese Grand Prix next September and magnums of champagne.

The company for which they work, and the other finalists, will each receive commemorative trophies.

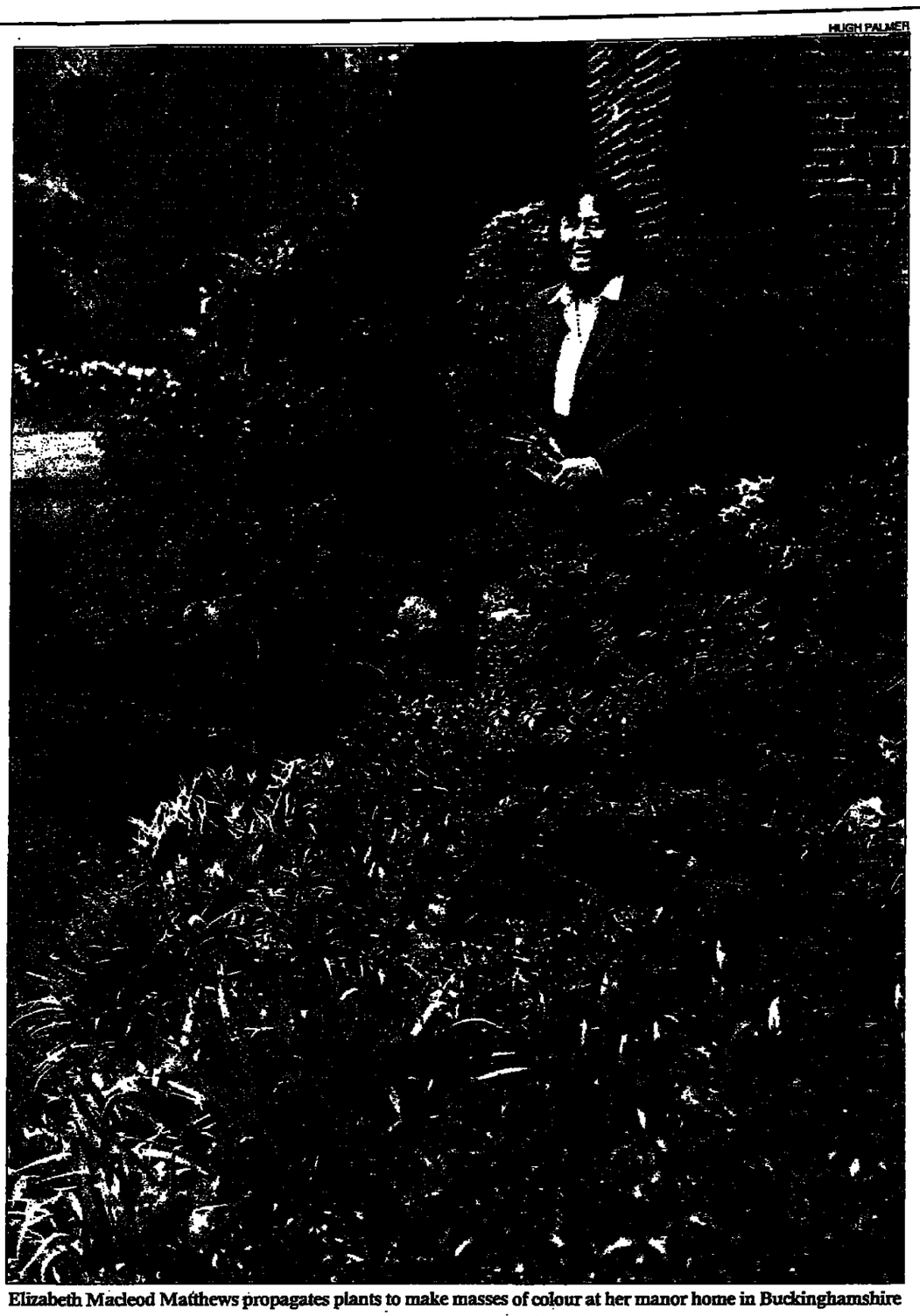
Tulips in a Tudor setting

In a garden from the past, George Plumptre, The Times Gardener, discovers the rewards of propagation



Pot plants are a feature

HUGH PALMER



Elizabeth Macleod Matthews propagates plants to make masses of colour at her manor home in Buckinghamshire

Chenies, in Buckinghamshire, was once an imposing Tudor manor built around two courtyards. The gatehouse and one wing remain: a charming house that is Tudor in appearance but modest in scale. This is also true of the garden, the main area of which covers little more than an acre, and is made up of a series of delightful enclosures leading one to another.

Tudor gardens were intimate and full of colour, and Elizabeth Macleod Matthews, who came to Chenies with her husband in 1955, has drawn on the historical background of the house to develop a planting style which evokes the Tudor period, with a colourful peak in late April and early May.

The planting is meticulously organised so that the early display is followed by a continuous show in the borders through the rest of summer. The result is a lesson in maximising limited border space from which any gardener can learn.

Between late November and early December about 5,000 tulip bulbs are planted between perennial herbaceous plants. The tulips are accompanied by spring-flowering plants, such as wallflowers and forget-me-nots. The tulips flower at the same time as herbaceous plants, gaining foliage shape, and then, at the end of May, a rapid change takes place.

Within ten days, the tulip bulbs are lifted and replaced by pelargoniums, including many varieties with scented foliage; argyranthemums and dahlias; pink diascias and petunias, such as the blue-flowered "Sky Blue"; cosmos and white nicotianas, such as "Fragrant Cloud".

Mrs Macleod Matthews estimates that, in addition to the tulips, about 2,500 other plants are put out for early flowering, and about 3,000 for the summer, all of which are grown from seed or cuttings in the garden. As well as the three greenhouses in the kitchen garden (8ft by 10ft, 20ft by 12ft and 40ft by 12ft), there is one of 60ft by 14ft on the manor farm.

The immaculate planting arrangement is ideally suited to the garden's formal small scale and to the style of the house, which provides a backdrop of a warm brick façade, steep gables and towering chimneys on one side.

A central path between mixed clipped hedges of cypress and yew divides the square and rectangular areas, each with its own pattern of grass and borders. Clipped evergreens provide a framework for the planting throughout. Around the lawn in front of the house wooden tubs contain pyramids of clipped box, which complement the yew pyramids in a new area of garden to one side.

A showpiece in spring is the sunken garden of about a fifth of an acre, and two-thirds the size of the Tudor pond garden at Hampton Court, with which it is a contemporary. Large domes of clipped box flank the steps which descend in two levels and surround a central pool. In a border along one side, the soft orange-shaded wallflower "My Fair Lady" is planted behind tulips, with an edging of blue forget-me-nots in front.

In other borders, the clumps of tulips flower between hostas and *Alchemilla mollis*, and white "Honesty". There, too, are different varieties of *Astrantia major*, with its distinctly lobed leaves, the tall *Nepeta x faassenii* "Six Hills Giant", whose lavender-blue flowers begin to appear in May, and a number of bell flowers or campanulas, including purply blue flowered *C. persicifolia*.

Mrs Macleod Matthews's favourite tulips include the pink-flowered "Angelique", which she finds invaluable because it does not mind shade, green tulips, such as "Spring Green", and the green and yellow "Hummingbird", which is ideal for alternating with blocks of strong colours. These, and the showy striped varieties such as "Garden Party", need careful siting and association with other plants. The rich hue of "Golden Artist" is ideal for the red and gold border along one side of the house.

Fringed tulips, such as the yellow-flowered "Warbler", are a novelty, while the multi-headed varieties, such as the striped "Georgette", are excellent for planting in tubs.

In contrast to the ranks of tulips in the sunken garden, the white garden on the far side of the garden's central path is dominated in early May by twin, identical groups of shrubs on either side, all white flowered. *The Spiraea x arguta*, variegated philadelphus and *Viburnum carlesii* are an impressive size and covered in balls of fragrant white flowers.

As in other parts of the garden, the planting in the white garden is offset by large domes of clipped yew and box and, in May, by the fresh green of the pleached lime walk along the boundary with a meadow beyond. The box-hedged surround to the central statue of Cupid is filled with white tulips and white forget-me-nots, which are later replaced by double white marguerites.

The change-over from tulips to summer-flowering plants demands an efficient production system, evidence of which is found in the kitchen garden greenhouses. Winter propagation is a constant task, and in April and May plants are potted-on from seedboxes to ascending sizes of pots arranged in ranks.

Mrs Macleod Matthews says that regular potting-on pays dividends later when the plants are put out. She does most of the propagating herself and is helped in the garden by a gardener for one day a week, with two men from the farm doing the heavy work on Saturdays.

Propagating plants saves considerably on the overall cost of the garden. Even so, the seed bill comes to well over £100 a year and the potting compost costs around £700 a year.

● *The house and garden of Chenies Manor House, Chenies, Buckinghamshire (0494 762888) are open from April-Sept, Wed, Thurs and bank holidays, 2-5pm, and by appointment for groups. £1.75, children 90p.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q My three rhododendrons and azalea are taking it in turns not to flower, or to flower poorly. Could the soil be too acidic? Do they need lime? — Mrs J. Wells, Rugby, Warwickshire.

A It is a rare soil that would be too acidic for rhododendrons and I would not have lime anywhere near them. Check that the plants are receiving enough light. Dappled or mid-day shade is fine, but azaleas and most hybrid rhododendrons need full sun.

Rhododendrons can develop a biennial flowering habit following a year of heavy flowering. Deadheading after flowering will help if the plants are small enough for this.

The degree of flowering is partly governed by the weather: in a year following a drought, rhododendrons will often concentrate on making leaf growth, to build up their strength again, and will flower little the following season.

Poor root growth often leads to poor plant growth and flowering.

Rhododendrons are stubborn about dying and will often hang on miserably for years. It may be that your plants are suffering from unsuitably heavy soil. They need an open, peat-like woodland soil, and will never do any good in lime or clay. So, if they are not too large, dig them up and improve the soil with coarse compost, leaf mould, peat, even grit, and replant.

If the soil is limey, you would do better to settle for growing something else.

Do not dig in new plants too deeply: they hate that, especially on heavier soils. Some people say you do not so much plant rhododendrons as drop them where you want them to grow.

Q My 20-year-old *Clematis armandii* has reached the top of my neighbour's holly tree and flowers beautifully, but it is out of sight to most of my garden. Should I cut it down and let it grow again? — H. Girou, London W14.

A Lucky neighbour! If you cut your clematis down it may die, but there is a good chance it will not. *Clematis armandii* is a rampant evergreen with vanilla-scented flowers. It is not specially hardy, and a bad winter makes its 6in-long leathery leaves look shabby. On the other hand, in a protected inner London courtyard garden or a big conservatory it can look and smell wonderful. Its blush-pink flowers open outdoors in early spring, and then it grows and grows by the yard. There is no need to prune it, but if you need to, cut back its long trails to a framework after flowering in spring. Subsequent long growths will flower the next spring.

Old clematis, with trunks inches across, can be cut back in February/March, but this is not always successful. In your case, as it is doing so well, I would plant something else to flower lower down or, perhaps, go up a ladder and bring some of the long shoots down, which can be trained in to flower where you can see them.

Q I put down gravel paths around my garden a couple of years ago, but worm casts are ruining the surface. How can I get rid of the worms without using chemicals? — J. Martineau, Lincoln.

A I suspect your paths may have thick gravel laid directly on to the soil. To lay one properly, make a convex-shaped soil bed and cover it with heavy-duty polythene, followed by rolled hardcore and gravel, to a colour of your choice, over that.

Even then, worms may work their way in from the sides. A solid edging strip of wood, brick or tiles will is invaluable for keeping gravel paths clean of soil and worms.

It is important to have no organic matter in the paths to tempt in worms. Rake up leaves and keep a clean, scrunchy surface.

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GARDENING

- *Sow the seed of cabbage and other winter green vegetables outside in a prepared seed bed. Thin out the seedlings as they appear.*
- *Pinch back fuchsia plants in the greenhouse to keep a compact shape. It takes about six weeks from pinching back to flowering. The plants can be put outside in late May, as they come into flower.*
- *Plant tomato seedlings in the greenhouse.*
- *Sow pea seed for main crop to ensure a continuing supply well into July after the early crop.*
- *If early signs of blackspot, mildew or insect damage are appearing on your shrub roses, you may want to spray with a combined mixture that deals with all three. Early action is more effective and a lighter application is needed now than later in summer, when the pests are established.*
- *Plant out cabbage and cauliflower raised under glass.*

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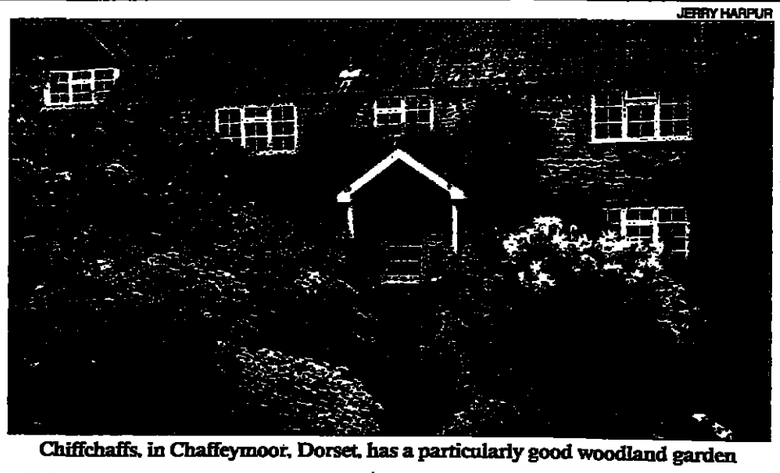
A woodland garden overlooking the Clyde estuary that contains some ornamental trees and shrubs of spectacular size, many planted during the 19th century, others added during the 1930s. There are huge magnolias and rhododendrons (including a large-leafed *R. falconeri* raised from seed collected in Sikkim in 1849 by Joseph Hooker). Pieris are also flowering now, producing their abundant panicles of lily-of-the-valley-like flowers. The present owners have carried out impressive restoration.

☐ **Chiffchaffs, Chaffeymoor, Dorset (0747 840841).** *Open May 1 and regularly until end September, please ring for details. £1.50, children 50p.*

A garden can hardly fail to be attractive with such a name, but Chiffchaffs is especially interesting in demonstrating what can be achieved in a short period — fewer than 15 years. The woodland garden is particularly good at this time of year, its streams lined with candelabra primulas and rheums, among many damp-loving plants.

☐ **Frampton Court, Frampton-on-Severn, and Westbury Court, Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire.** *Frampton Court (0452 740267/740698). Open all year by appointment. £1. Westbury Court (0452 760451). Open April to end October, Wednesday to Sunday and bank holiday Mondays, and by appointment at other times. £2.20, children £1.10.*

These two gardens on opposite sides of the Severn estuary make a fascinating comparison if visited soon after one another. Both have formal canals and outstanding garden buildings. Westbury, created at the end of the 17th century, when Dutch gardening was fashionable, and saved from a state of dereliction by the National Trust's expert restoration during the late 1960s, is the outstanding formal Dutch-style water-garden in England. The view along its main canal to the gazebo at the far end



JERRY HARPUR

Chiffchaffs, in Chaffeymoor, Dorset, has a particularly good woodland garden

and the small planted walled garden, with its own pavilion and tranquil atmosphere, make for a rewarding visit. The canal at Frampton Court is slightly later in date and extends to a marvellous 18th-century Gothick pavilion, where the Victorian Misses Clifford sat and painted *The Frampton Flora*.

☐ **Saling Hall, Great Saling, Essex (0371 850141).** *Open from May to end July, Wednesday, 2pm-5pm. Parties by appointment (please ring). £1.50, children free.*

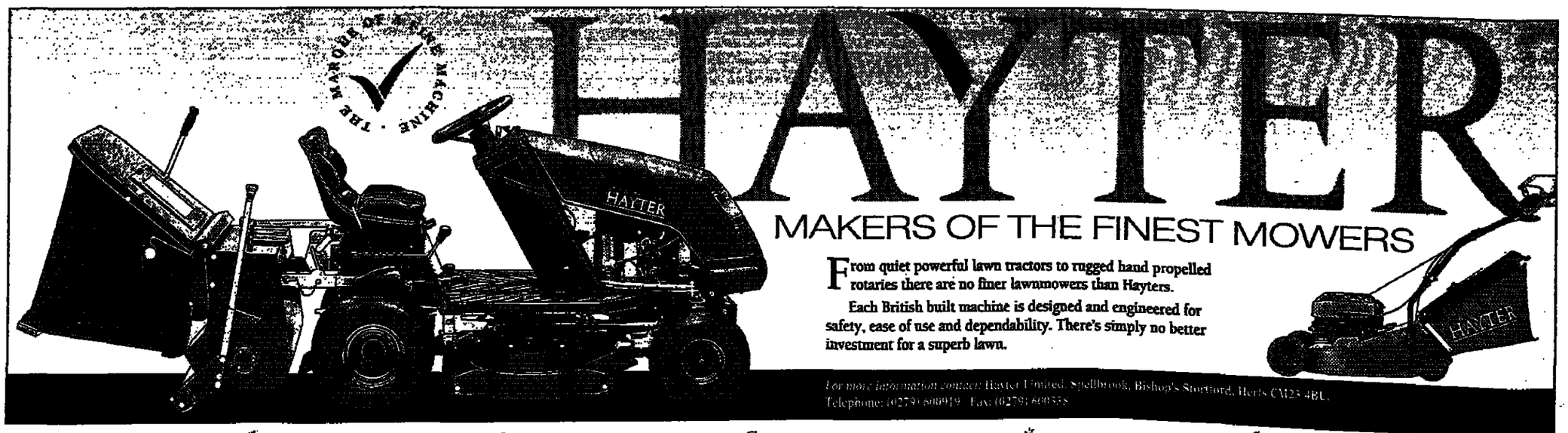
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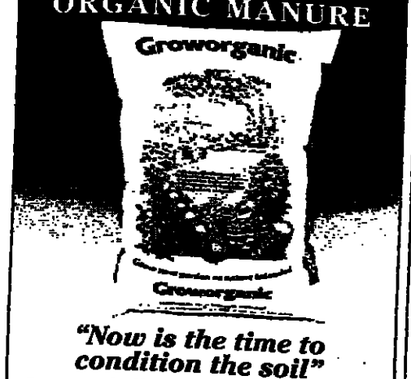
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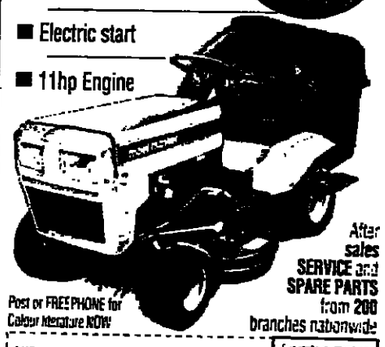
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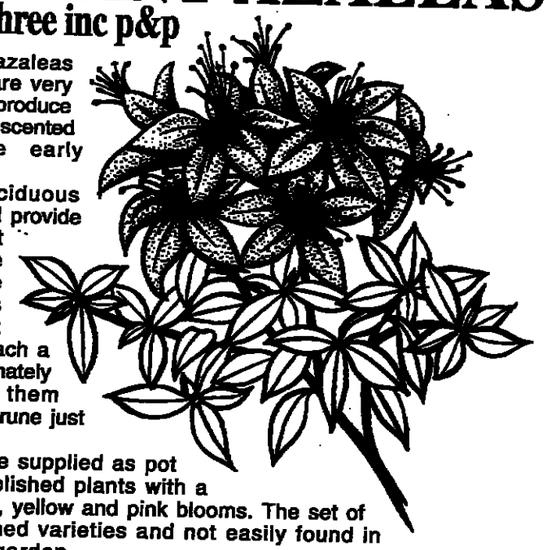
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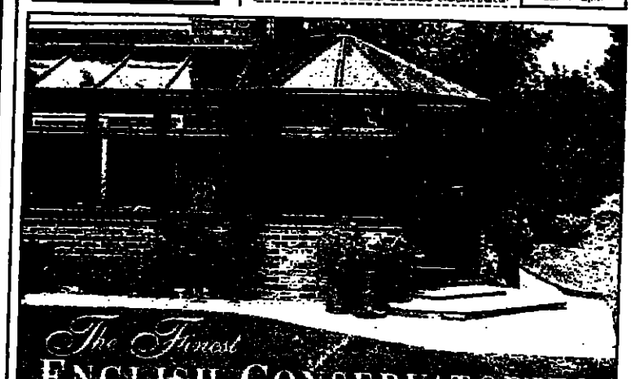
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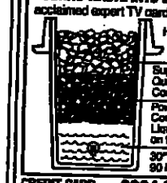
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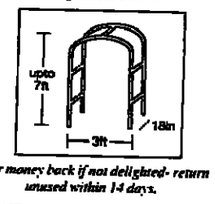
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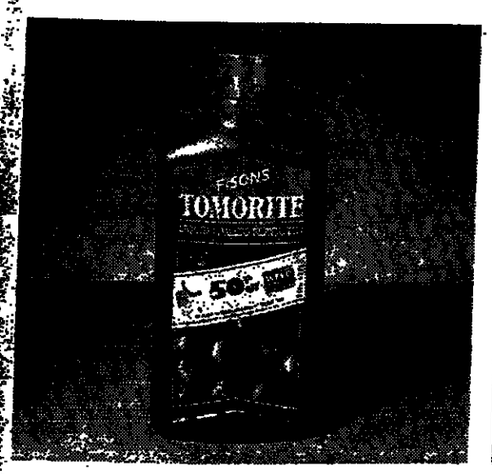
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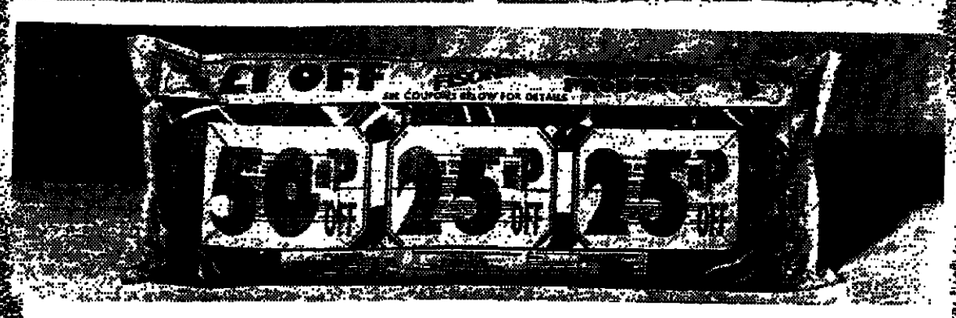
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ASPECTS OF CYPRUS: Two *Times* writers explore the rich diversity of this colourful destination

Sunny island will capture your heart

Paphos, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, ought to be one of the most romantic spots on earth — but the tiny former capital of Cyprus, hymned by Homer and Shakespeare, is not famed for aesthetic charm or golden Mediterranean beaches. Not that Paphos, on the west coast of the island, with its own airport, is a disappointment — the town is rich in culture and tradition.

Paphos, with its population of 13,000, is divided into two: the lower town of Nea Paphos and the upper town of Ktima. The focal point of Nea Paphos, the newly developed tourist zone, is the old harbour, with its string of fish restaurants, bars, discotheques and seemingly endless rows of souvenir shops selling the same non-descript standard holidaymakers' fare. But there is not a great deal to detain you, unless you like watching the fishermen bringing in their daily catch.

The older part of the town, with its narrow winding streets, and dark nooks and impasses, has a timeless appeal. It is steeped in symbolism. Walking through Main Square, with its clutch of coffee houses, you come across an imposing, triumphalist arch from the Turkish period, 400 years ago, with the slogan "What good fortune it is to be Turkish".

Admittedly, it was difficult to tear myself away from the elegant delights of Terence Conran's interior designs at the five-star Annabelle Hotel with its seemingly endless restaurants, cascading water gardens and private lagoon. But only a short drive away are sights such as the Tamassos Royal Tombs, a Roman theatre, an entire Roman village that is being painstakingly excavated, Byzantine churches, exotic forests and the imposing Troödos mountains.

One of the most impressive landmarks is the Monastery of Chrysorroyiatia, 1,200 metres above Paphos. Built in 1152 it was, according to legend, founded by the hermit Saint Ignatius who staggered up the hill bearing the long-lost icon of the Virgin Mary, which had been tossed in the sea at Asia Minor, to create Cyprus's first religious shrine.

Sadly, the monastery has only one occupant today, the Abbot Dionyssios, who presides over the country's most exclusive wine-making factory and one of Europe's few icon restoration workshops. The recipe for the award-winning Ayios Andronikos wine, brewed from grapes grown in the monastery's vineyard, is a centuries-old secret passed down to successive abbots. Abbot Dionyssios, whose name relates to that of the Greek god of wine, produces 75,000 bottles a year, at £2.50 each. This *vin de pays* is only sold in select Cypriot outlets, but visitors to the site can taste the fabled brew.

The warm climate (28C in December) has created an exotic forest land teeming in flora and fauna. A jeep safari to the nearby Akamas, the last undeveloped frontier of Cyprus, takes you through mountains, secret valleys, forgotten and abandoned villages — a result of the 1974 invasion — 100ft limestone walls, orange and banana plantations.

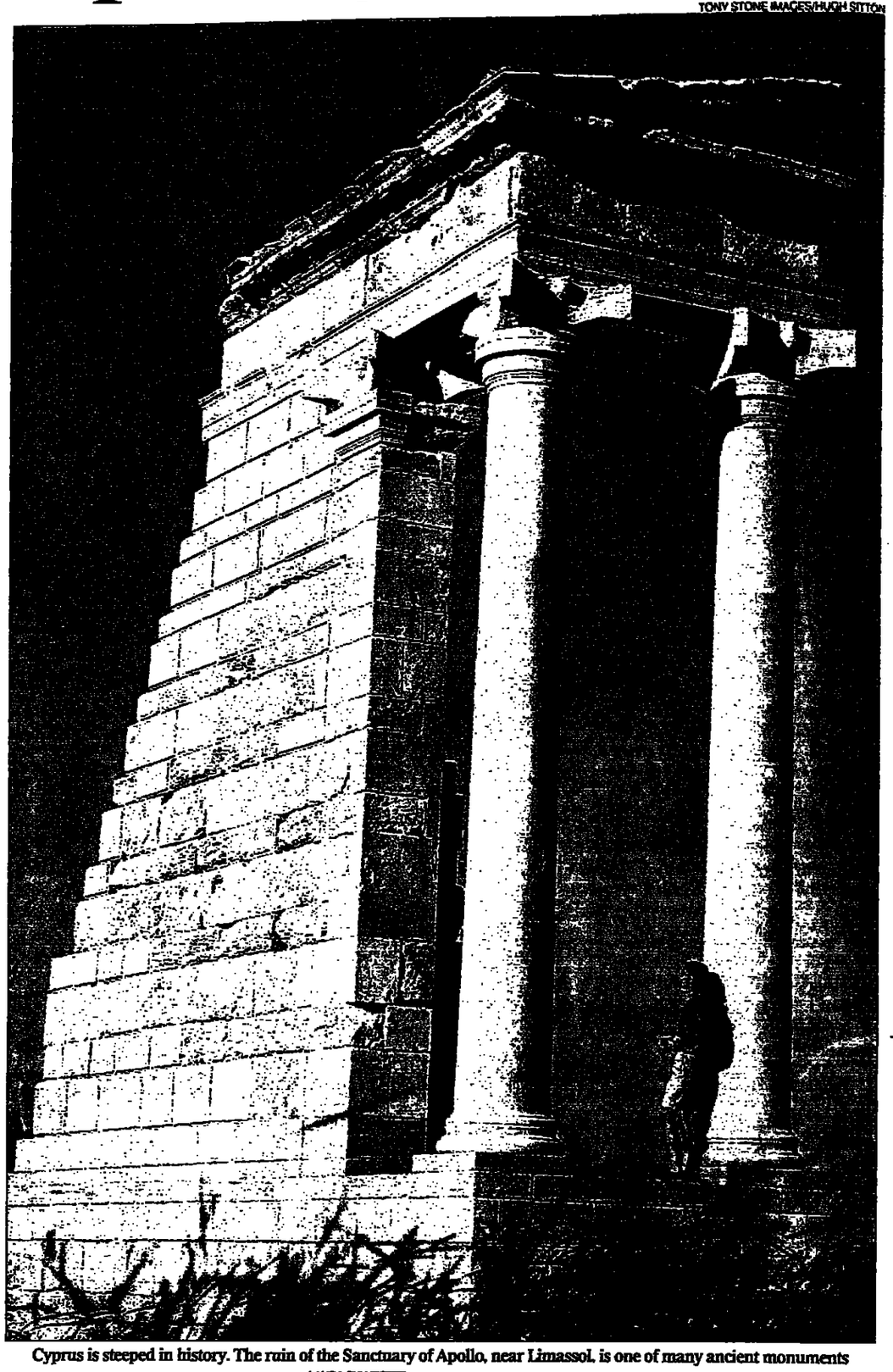
Paphos also boasts the only government-approved diving school, which organises expeditions deep into coral bays and ancient wrecks. You can even swim with the turtles.

But, if you prefer to ignore the history — Paphos has been invaded by Assyrians, Persians, Romans, Venetians, Turks and, of course, the British — the Annabelle Hotel, built over its own ancient tombs, is the best place to relax.

Set in six acres of landscaped gardens, it is a minute's walk from the old fishing port and archaeological monuments. It opened in 1985 and is easily the town's best hotel. With 218 rooms, its own health club, and yacht for guests, I almost wish I hadn't budged from the pool.

ANDREW PIERCE

TONY STONE IMAGES/HUGH SITTON



Cyprus is steeped in history. The ruin of the Sanctuary of Apollo, near Limassol, is one of many ancient monuments

Nowhere illustrates Cyprus's ties with Britain so well as Limassol, the resort city on the south coast of the island.

On the Akrotiri peninsula to the west of Limassol three British military bases exist in an artificially created oasis of Englishness. Above the manicured green playing fields of the bases, rows of two-storey, modern, red roofed houses stand in neat Anglo-Saxon rows, interspersed here and there with red telephone kiosks and pillar boxes.

Although the bases are not open to the public, it is possible to drive past and see in. This little England presents a stark contrast to the narrow, winding streets of Limassol's old quarter, where the city's market traders are found.

The food market is supplied from the extensive citrus plantations around Limassol, while many of the tourist shops sell hand-made wooden, leather and silver artefacts, made in Syria or the Lebanon.

Despite its close links with Britain and, of course, Greece, there are constant reminders that Cyprus is in fact far closer to the Middle East than mainland Europe. Limassol has a thriving Lebanese population.

Limassol centres around an ancient citadel, built in the 14th century on the ruins of a Byzantine castle, which houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum. Archaeologists are not able to give a definitive account of the origins of the the city because there has been so much building, layer upon layer, over the centuries.

The island has changed hands innumerable times during its turbulent history and evidence of this is clearly visible in the old part of the city, which is full of mosques, Turkish baths and churches.

For a further flavour of the city's ancient history, Kolossi Castle, 9km west of Limassol is open to visitors. It was built by the crusading Knights of the Order of St John in the 13th century and houses a processing factory for the sugar cane which was grown in the area at the time. Richard the Lionheart married Berengaria of Navarre near the castle in 1191 and took control of the island while he was there. The castle is also famous as the home of Commanderia, the sweet Cypriot wine.

A few kilometres south of Kolossi stand the ruins of Kourion, where excavations have revealed a theatre and parts of the ancient city. The theatre, which stands on a rock ledge overlooking the sea, has been restored and is still used for performances of plays and concerts.

Limassol took over from Famagusta as the main port and tourist resort after the Turkish invasion and occupation of the the northern half of the island in 1974.

The approach road to Limassol from Larnaca is lined with hotels, and the beaches are narrow and charmless. In the centre of Limassol stands the Four Seasons, a five star establishment which was opened last year and which is arguably the island's plushest hotel.

One of its first guests was the Sultan of Brunei, who managed to spend £800,000 there last October in the space of six days. The Four Season's £666-a-night presidential suite is still decked out to the Sultan's tastes, complete with black marble and silk trimmings and a karaoke machine that plays all of his favourite songs by Elvis Presley.

ALEXANDRA FREAN

The Troödos mountains in central Cyprus rise to 2,000 metres. Between January and March, the peaks are covered in enough snow to turn the area into a mini ski resort, *Alexandra Frean writes.*

In summer, the mountains provide a cool retreat from the scorching and crowded beaches. The average temperature on Mount Olympus is about 15C lower than in Nicosia, reaching 27C in July.

The area is still largely unspoilt and the hills are dotted with tiny villages and planted with vineyards, citrus orchards and olive groves.

The island's tourist authorities and Forestry Commission have laid out a number of nature trails in the mountains, and there are plenty of places to walk off the beaten track.

The Churchill Pinewood Valley hotel near Pedhoulas, to the northwest of Mount Olympus, is located in one of the most beautiful and secluded spots in the mountains. Surrounded by trees, it has a heated pool and tennis courts.

LAURA SYLVESTER



Cyprus travel facts

☐ Andrew Pierce was a guest of Thanos Hotels which has three hotels in Cyprus. London office: PO Box 3726, London N12 (081-343 4244).

☐ He flew direct to Paphos airport with Cyprus Airways (071-383 4831) which operates daily flights from Heathrow, costing from £245 return. British Airways also flies daily to Cyprus, from £216 return.

☐ At the Annabelle in Paphos (010-357 6 238 333), tour operators' charges range from £509 for seven nights to £1,069. Alternative hotels: Paphos Beach, four star, from £449 for seven days to £819 for 14; Porto Paphos, from £409 for seven days to £803 for 14.

☐ Alexandra Frean travelled courtesy of The Travel Club of Upminster (0708 225000).

☐ The Four Seasons Hotel (five star) PO Box 7222, Limassol, (010 357 5 310222). Price a night in a double room until October 31: from £35 per person (half board). Suites from £333-£666 a night.

☐ The Churchill Pinewood Valley, c/o The Churchill Limassol, 28th October Avenue, PO Box 1626, Limassol (010 357 5 324444). Price per night for a double room until October 31, 1994: £64 (B&B), £83 (half board), £101 (full board).

☐ Temperatures rise from a maximum of 23C in April to 35C in July and August, falling back to about 20C by November.

☐ The *Insight Guide to Cyprus*, published by Hoffer Press, is available on the island (about £11).

☐ Prices are in sterling. £1 is worth approx. £0.75 Cyprus pounds.

☐ For information about nature trails in the Troödos mountains, contact the Divisional Forest Officer of Troödos at Platania (010 357 2 922454) or the Forestry Department Headquarters in Nicosia (010 357 2 302528).

☐ Cyprus Tourism Organisation, 213 Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 9822).

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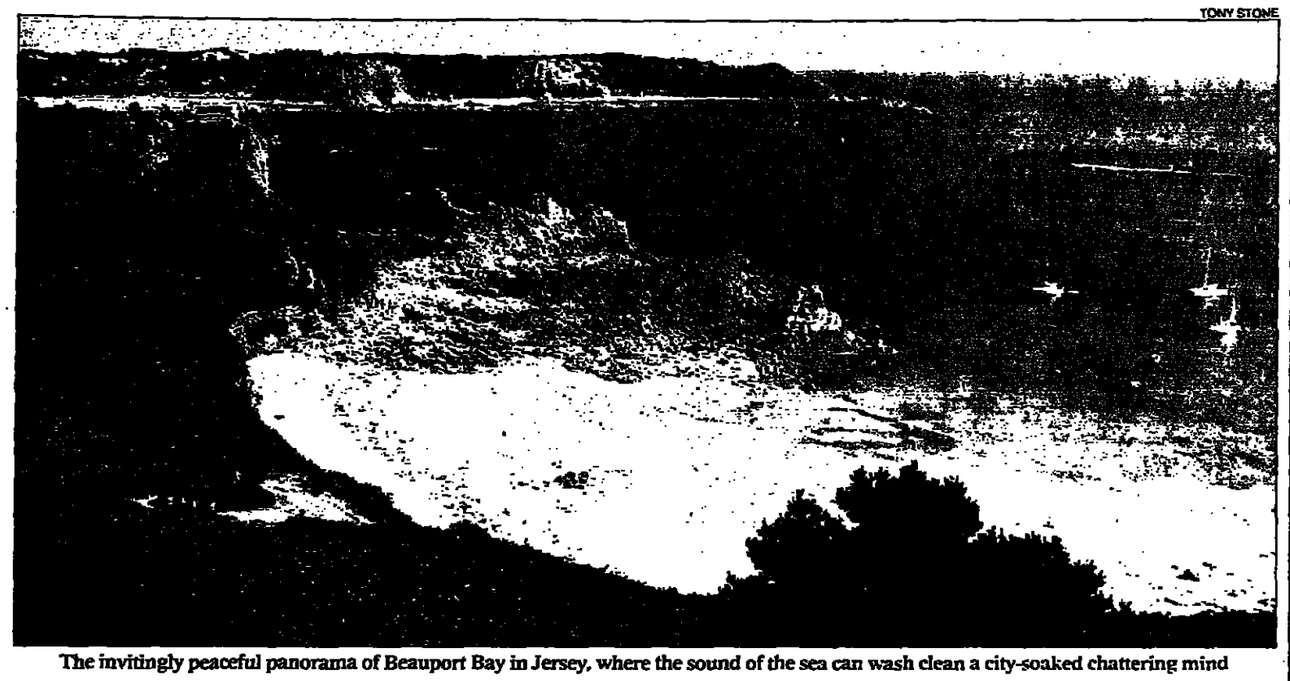
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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

JERSEY: Frustrated by car-clogged life in the city? An island break offers a breath of fresh air

Walk away your worries

TONY STONE



The invitingly peaceful panorama of Beauport Bay in Jersey, where the sound of the sea can wash clean a city-soaked chattering mind

A good old-fashioned row with my partner prompted me to fly off to Jersey for a weekend stay. "These boots are made for walking," I fumed, packing my Berghaus kit-bag and quitting car-clogged London in disgust. Three-and-a-half hours later I was at L'Horizon, the island's smallest hotel.

Why Jersey? Answer: no politics (it is a self-governing state), no VAT (bargain-priced luxury goods), and possibly the world's best fish dishes. I had also heard about a pioneering scheme of "green" lanes, planned eventually to criss-cross the island, on which pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders will have priority over noisy cars.

The woman at the British Airways departure gate at Heathrow looked stern. "Two pieces of hand-luggage?" she queried, Lady Bracknell-style. But she let me through, and I headed for the aircraft, spirits rising. The 40-minute flight barely gave time to gulp a cup of tea, let alone ponder the row which had led to my departure. Then, on Jersey, the hotel's car whisked me to St Brelade's Bay on the south coast, 14 miles from France.

My room was a pebble's throw from the sea. Hardly noticing the home comforts (Penhaligon's shampoo and French, British and hotel video television channels), or the tasteful interior decor, I stepped out on to the balcony and let the sound of the rolling, crashing waves wash clear my chattering mind.

Without unpacking, I laced on my boots and set off across the beach. Eventually, the silvery sand gave way to pink and grey Jersey granite. I clambered up the headland through spiky yellow gorse and shy purple flowers to the stony-silent look-out built during the German five-year wartime occupation. The silence soothed like a medicinal balm. All I could hear was the sea, and the wind in the trees.

Two German hikers came by. "Nice boots," one said, stomping past, rucksack swaying with his vigorous stride.

A pale, triangular sail slipped slowly across the horizon (the less intrepid take the *hydrofoil* to St Malo), and the thought hit me that it wasn't possible to retain my anti-car stance. If I was to explore Jersey, I would need wheels.

"Transport? No problem", the hotel receptionist said. A hire car? A skippered 42ft yacht? Banana-bronco riding? (yes, truly, it's a watersport). Nothing was too much trouble for L'Horizon to arrange. With hire cars at £15 per day and petrol at £1.40 a gallon, it wouldn't break the budget and was a lot cheaper than a taxi (about £12 for a north-south trip across the island).

You wouldn't guess that L'Horizon opened nearly 40 years ago judging by the up-to-date look of its swish lounges and plush bedrooms. It caters for 200 guests, 85 per cent of whom are British. Many return each year for its cuisine (head chef, Peter Marek, is a member of the L'Ordre de Napoleon), child-friendliness and sun-trap seashore setting.

That evening, I spent a happy half-hour swimming in L'Horizon health club's pool, sat snugly in the spa watching wind whip up the sea, ignored the mini-gym but enjoyed the sauna and steam room. A beauty salon offers a menu of sybaritic pampering.

Next to the pool, a bar and brasserie provide snacky sustenance all day, while the hotel's Star Grill and Crystal Room serve English and Continental specialities for lunch and dinner. It was a long time since I had enjoyed such excellent fish (langoustines and baked bream one night, lobster the next).

Although I had not driven a car for ten years, I thought I could cope with the island's 40mph speed limit. The Rover Metro hiccoughed, Annie Hall-style, past polythene-covered hillsides forcing early Jersey potatoes. With the forthcoming D-Day commemorations in mind (the Channel Islands will mark Liberation Day on May 9, 1995), I headed for St Peter's Bunker, stuffed full of German occupation relics. Curios such as the Enigma de-coding machine are displayed alongside babies' gas masks, home-made shoe soles and black market tea at £25 a lb.

I gazed, appalled, at the militaria spawned by the Hitler industry — caps, helmets, badges, insignia and guns — but should have saved my sadness for the German underground hospital built by the forced labour of Russians, Spaniards, Jews and others. I was less distressed by the clever reconstructions, with lifesize models of an operating theatre and the officers' mess, than by the grim reality of the unfinished tunnels, where workers had laboured daily from 4am to 7pm.

I had by no means seen all the exhibits during a two-hour visit when I surfaced, with relief, to sunshine and the present day. The Metro shuddered off past lush hillsides, where doe-eyed, silky-flanked Jersey cows stared out, seemingly stuck to slopes.

I had planned to visit Jersey Zoo, but the car took me to Greve de Lecq, where I had lunch at Le Moulin de Lecq, originally a 12th-century parish watermill and now a pub, with an adventure playground for children alongside.

Greve de Lecq is the sort of bay where children build sandcastles, rake rock-pools with nets, and frisky dogs chase after driftwood. Like most of Jersey, it's safe, unsophisticated and unspoiled.

My comfortable boots seduced me along a cliftop path, one of Jersey's many coastal walks, towards Plemont Point. Hiker-friendly seats are provided *en route* for contemplation or easing blisters. Sea and seagulls are the only sounds and a vast blue ocean, punctuated by hummocky green headlands, is all there is to see.

Next day I visited Gerald Durrell's famous zoo, where breeding programmes are helping to save some of the world's most endangered species. The animals, except for the playfully active gorillas, were at their snuggliest best, snoozing, glossy-coated, in the sunshine. Though not a great fan of zoos, I was impressed by the spacious enclosures and well-designed grounds.

Before I left the island, I had time to pack in another walk to the 12th-century Fisherman's Chapel. There wasn't time to visit Jersey Pottery (the most popular attraction), or the new Living Legend local history audio-visual extravaganza, but already I was planning to let my boots do the walking again on a return visit.

NICOLE SWENGLEY



Hotel L'Horizon terrace

☐ **By air:** Nicole Swengley travelled to Jersey with British Airways (081-897 4000). Other airline operators include Air UK (0345 666777), British Midland (0345 554554), Jersey European Airlines (0345 676676) and Manx Airlines (071-493 0803). Prices start at £70 return.

☐ **By sea:** Condor (0305 761551) operates daily car/passenger crossings from Weymouth, Dorset. Prices start at £55 return.

☐ **Where to stay:** during May, Hotel L'Horizon (0534 43101) is offering three-night breaks at £375 per couple, sharing twin or double room, with dinner, breakfast and a hire car. Extra nights cost £95 per couple, including dinner and breakfast.

☐ **Package holidays** to the island are available from, among others, Jersey Travel Service (081-891 6020), Sunblessed Holidays (0800 373111) and Premier Holidays (0223 66122).

☐ **Car hire** charges are among the cheapest in Europe, from £15 per day, and petrol prices are lower than on the mainland.

☐ **Recommended restaurants** include the Jersey Pottery Restaurant, the Village Bistro, Jersey Museum Café and Apple Cottage at Rozel. These and many other restaurants are listed in the "Jersey Good Eating" guide, from Jersey Tourism offices.

☐ **Information packs** about walking on Jersey are available from Jersey Tourism at Liberation Square, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands (0534 500777). Packs include Ordnance Survey maps, audio cassettes and pictorial guides

☐ **For further information,** contact Jersey Tourism, 38 Dover Street, London W1X 3RB (071-493 5278).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 27

ALULA
(b) The bastard wing of a bird, or in Entomology a small scale-like appendage at the base of each wing of many *Diptera*, above the halteres. Also, a similar appendage beneath the elytron in some water-beetles.

CAMARON
(a) A freshwater shrimp or prawn resembling the crayfish, *from the Spanish camarin* a shrimp. Latin *cammiarus* a sea-crab: "Nephrops norvegicus is known by the following common names: Norway lobster, Dublin Bay prawn, North Shields prawn, Beardog (Britain), Langostino, Camaron, Cigala, Maganto, Escamarlanch (Spain)."

EKISTICS
(c) A name given by C. A. Doxiadis to the study of human settlements and the way they develop and adapt themselves to changing circumstances, from the Greek *oikos* a house, *oikizein* to settle (a colony), *oikistikos* relating to settlement: "Ekistics, as a scientific discipline, can be divided into Ekistic geography, Ekistic economy, social Ekistics, and the other branches which make up its whole and relate it to the neighbour sciences of geography, economics, sociology, etc."

ANDROCONIUM
(a) Usually in the plural, *androconia*, scales on the wings of certain male Lepidoptera from which the attrative scent of the male is diffused, from the Greek anēr.

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HOTELS: Readers take up **Robin Young**'s challenge to nominate the Best Bedrooms in Britain

Winning room with a view



The Arundel room, at Amberley Castle, near Arundel, boasts two single four-posters. The hotel received six nominations, and was the subject of one of the winning entries

The things *Times* readers like best about hotel bedrooms tend to be out of the window or tucked away in the bathroom. This is one conclusion to be reached from studying the entries for our competition to nominate favourite bedrooms to rival the Ten Best Bedrooms in Britain which I selected for Weekend Travel (April 2). Time and again I was told the principal attraction was the view, or that the bathroom was the ultimate in luxury.

The chance to win a night for two at either Stapleford Park in Leicestershire or the Portobello Hotel in west London, both hotels with rooms included in my choice, attracted a postbag which weighed about as much as the high-quality towelling bathrobe that I look upon as one of the more seductive bonuses hoteliers can offer.

Readers' requirements were less lavish, yet still not always satisfied. Roberta Heneage, of Lincoln, had the advantage of having stayed in seven out of the ten hotels I mentioned, but considered many of my choices "thoroughly overdecorated with so many blinds, curtains, bows, ribbons and drapes that one feels almost terrified to sit down". Her suggestion was a room at the Beaufort Hotel in Knightsbridge, southwest London, where "you feel that everything has been thought out with the guest foremost in mind, rather than the fantasies of some interior decorator".

Olwen Latham, of Dartford, Kent, said her desires were "quite simple and basic — a firm mattress and an electric blanket", but unfortunately, she writes, she has yet to find a room anywhere that satisfies her ideals.

The hotel that garnered the largest number of readers' nominations (six, though for three different rooms) was Amberley Castle, near Arundel, West Sussex. Two of the rooms there (Herstmonceux and Pevensey) have private access to the battlements, Arundel has two four-poster beds, and the Amberley, which the hotel regards as the best, has two bathrooms and a big stone fireplace in which a gas-log fire can be lit by the turndown service while guests are at dinner.

One of our two winners, Elizabeth Blackwood, of Felpham, West Sussex, provided the most detailed and persuasive description of this "elegant and serene room".

"The four-poster bed stood proud in the centre of the room with its twisted oak arms, draped with tapestry-like fabrics in the palest eau-de-nil shades, and facing us on the opposite wall was an expansive, original, leaded window offering views of the courtyard and miles of the South Downs beyond. There was even a padded window seat below, large enough for my husband and I to sit at either end, legs stretched out before us with toes barely touching."

After singing the praises of the bathrooms, biscuits and books, Mrs Blackwood concludes with a flourish: "The sheer pleasure of the room was crowned by one final, cunning touch: every mirror I peered in was so softly lit that I appeared five years younger and at least 10lb lighter! What more could a girl want?"

The other prize goes to David and Janine Robinson, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, who wrote a paean to the Silver room at the Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel on Ullswater, Cumbria, where they spent their 17th wedding anniversary. The lake is near enough for guests to hear the lapping of the water. "The brilliance of this view is, we think, unsurpassed by that of any other hotel bedroom we have stayed in," their letter says, and the owners, Francis Coulson and Brian Sack, "deserve every accolade we could give them."

There were multiple nominations, too, for the Hotel Portmeirion, in Gwynedd, north Wales. Jill Burton, of Brockham, Surrey, found the ambience "sensuous and incredibly sexy", while Adam England, of Winchester, Hampshire, drew attention to the Indian room's "bed made out of old lamps, colour scheme evoking images of an Indian palace and the bathroom, perfect for soaking in luxury".

A bed made out of old lamps may not sound like everyone's idea of bliss, but then, Georgina Cole of Portsmouth, loved the Spread Eagle at Midhurst, West Sussex, for its "creaking doors and floors that slant and slope at all angles".

An unusual recommendation came from Tom Marriott, of Fulham, southwest London. He said the sofas at Hartwell House, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, "looked as if they had been well sat upon", that armchairs were "scattered all over" the bedroom, that "some dog-eared books were casually stacked on an antique bureau", that a portrait by Joshua Reynolds "looked down disdainfully" and that "some of the more transportable items have little notices attached saying that they are not for the taking". He ends his eulogy: "Hartwell House is fit for a king."

Peter Brown, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, liked room 62, Bella Donna, at the Island Hotel, Tresco, Isles of Scilly, because, as well as having magnificent views, a wide balcony and two bathrooms, it is "larger than two normal-sized hotel bedrooms and has everything one could want, including electric sockets where women seem to want them", while "cat lovers who leave the french windows too wide open at night may be rewarded by Oscar, an island cat, arriving to purr in the small hours."

Some hoteliers may have sussed that the way to guests' hearts is through animals. Lucy Dommett, of Melplash, Dorset, for instance, admitted that her real reason for nominating the Wood Hall Hotel near Wetherby, Yorkshire, was "the teddy bear which arrives each night on your pillow".

Max and Anna Wilson, of Winchester, nominated the Blue Suite at Kingston House, Staverton, Devon, for its angel tester bed, its dressing-room which is an original painted china closet, and the summons to dinner floating up the fine inlaid staircase not in the form of a sounding gong, but of opera.

As for views, the most intriguing prospects were suggested by Brigid Benson, of Bebington, Merseyside ("I never close the curtains of my favourite bedroom at the Isle of Colonsay Hotel"), and Sheila Griffiths, of Prestbury, Cheshire, who described the Penthouse Suite at the Lodore Swiss Hotel in Borrowdale, Cumbria, as "a room that seems projected into space".

Anne Flye, of Shrewbury, Shropshire, included a photograph of her favourite, the Garden Cottage Suite at Boulter's Lock Hotel near Maidenhead, Berkshire: "An olde worlde cottage only two yards from the banks of the Thames with access to the bedroom through a tiny, secluded garden . . . a miniature house yet just a bedroom, magical, intimate."

Thanks to all who entered. Their suggestions will be followed up as soon as opportunity affords.

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WEEKEND SATURDAY APRIL 30 1994

WHIT BANK HOLIDAY: Delhi's at melting point, but Madeira is quite mild — hot or not, the choice is yours

The whole world is your oyster

With Whitsun and half-term just a few weeks away, now is the time to book a last-minute break. But where should you go? And what sort of weather can you expect?

In Europe, late May and June are often the most pleasant months. But the southern Mediterranean can be hotter than you might expect, with average daily maximum temperatures of 92F in Marrakesh, 86F in parts of Greece and Cyprus, and 81F in Sicily. Further afield, check before you buy what may seem like a bargain. While temperatures in June can be pleasantly cool — Zambia (73F), Los Angeles and Mauritius (76F) and Nairobi (70F) — they can be very hot indeed in Delhi (102F), Eilat (101F) and Florida (86F). June can be wet too, particularly in the Maldives, Martinique, St Lucia, Dominica and the Bahamas.

☐ Armchair Tours (081-560 8008) offers a coach trip to the Czech Republic, stopping off in Cologne in Germany, and staying in the spa town of Karlovy Vary (average temperatures 53F-65F). Leaving on May 29, with about a hundred pick-up points in the home counties, the cost is £235 and includes all travel, half board for four nights in the Republic, and B&B *en route*.

☐ Pallanza, on the western shore of Italy's Lake Maggiore, is half an hour by car from Lucerne, the Swiss border and Stresa (average temperatures 70F-80F). Seven nights, departing on May 29, costs £365 B&B at a lakeside hotel flying from Gatwick to Milan with Italian Impulse (081-741 9007).

☐ Early June is an excellent time to visit the Greek Islands. Thomson flies direct from Manchester on May 28. One week at the tiny resort of Skála, costs £318, room only. A week on Kos, flying direct (May 28), staying at a small pension in the town costs £294 B&B through Thomson (061-236 3828).

☐ In Sweden, the Gota Canal between Stockholm and Gothenburg celebrates its 125th anniversary on May 31, when three original vessels, each carrying 60 passengers, sail (or are ox-drawn) up the canal. NSR Travel (071-930 6666) has seven nights, departing on May 29 from Heathrow, for £885, with two nights each in Stockholm and Gothenburg (B&B) and three nights (all meals) on board ship. Average temperatures range from about 57F in May to 66F in June.

☐ Madeira is mild at the end of May with temperatures in the upper 50s. Caravela Tours (071-630 9223) has reduced prices throughout the month, when a week at the Dom Pedro Baia in Machico costs £349 B&B (including flights from Heathrow). Three nights in Madrid, flying with BA from Gatwick and staying at a four-star hotel, costs £241 B&B through Time Off (071-235 8070).

☐ In the Dordogne, *Jurassic Park* fans can stay in pre-erected tents at a camp site near several prehistoric caves and Préhisto Park, an open-air museum. The cost is £164 for a week for two adults and up to four children (under 18), including the Dover/Calais crossing with Eurocamp (0565 626262). Stops can be arranged *en route*.

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☐ In Holland, Cresta (061-926 9999) has theme park breaks to Efteling Park, four nights B&B in Tilburg. Departing on 27/28 May on the Harwich-Hook of Holland ferry, £166 a person, with up to two under-12s free if they share your room. Entrance to the park is £11 a person per day.

☐ In Britain, Rainbow Holidays (0904 643355) will let up to two children under 16 stay free if they share your room (50 per cent reduction for their own room). A night at Park Hall Hotel, at Charnock Richard near Chorley, Lancashire, costs £29.50 a person B&B, including admission to the Camelot Adventure Theme Park in Charnock Richard.

☐ A Tuscan farmhouse sleeping up to 8, in the hills between Lucca and Pisa, costs £1,150 to rent (you make your own way there) through International Chapters (071-722 9560). There is a riding club, and the farmhouse has its own pool.

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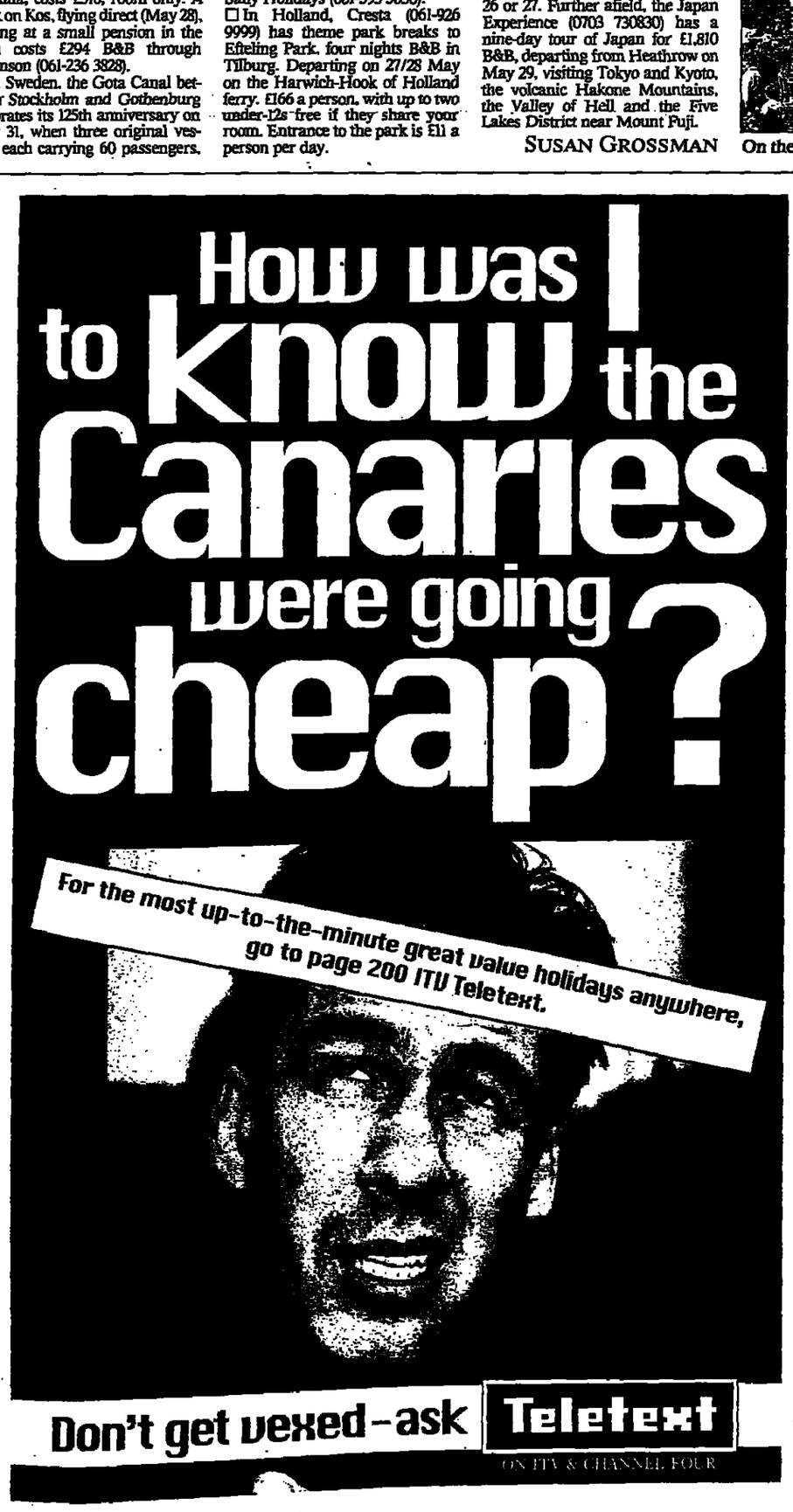
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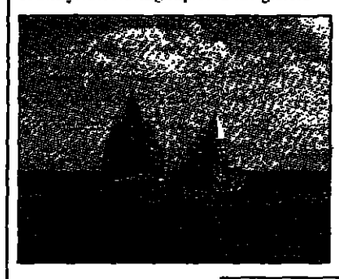


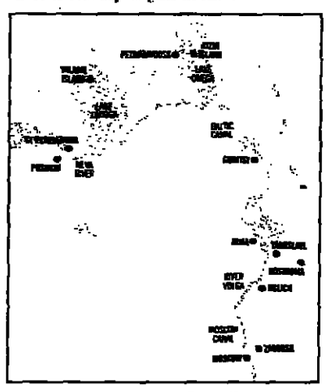
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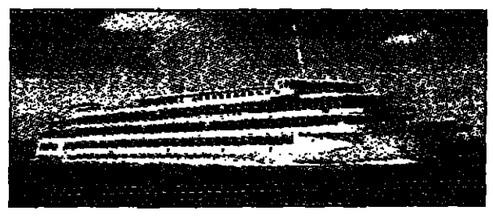
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DAY 4 Morning cruising across Lake Lodoga. Afternoon visit to Valaam Island. The island is a wonderfully untouched area, walk through woods to the Icon Museum housed in a church.

DAY 5 Morning arrival at the island of Kishi in Lake Onega. Visit the 22-domed Church of The Transfiguration, a marvel of 18th century Russian wooden architecture. Also see some restored 18th century buildings.

DAY 6 Petrozavodsk Here a visit will be made to the local market.

DAY 7 Continue along the Baltic canal and White Lake to the town of Goritsy. Visit the Kirill-Belozerk Monastery.



DAY 8 Irma Much of today will be spent cruising with a short stop at the village of Irma.

DAY 9 Today we visit the historic Yaroslavl, a well-preserved 'Golden Ring' city. In the centre of the city, see the lovely church of Elijat, the frescoes on the walls and vaulting inside the church which are magnificent.

DAY 10 Kostroma is one of the loveliest cities of the Golden Ring. Visit the 14th century Ipatyevsky Monastery, now a museum.

DAY 11 Approaching the town of Uglich along the Volga, one is suddenly confronted with a delightful view of the Church of St John and the Cathedral of the Resurrection, its blue cupolas dotted with golden stars making a magical sight.

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DAY 13 Visit the Kremlin to see the Cathedrals of Annunciation, the Assumption and the Archangel Michael and the fine collection of imperial regalia, arms and carriages in the Armoury Museum. Optional theatre visit.

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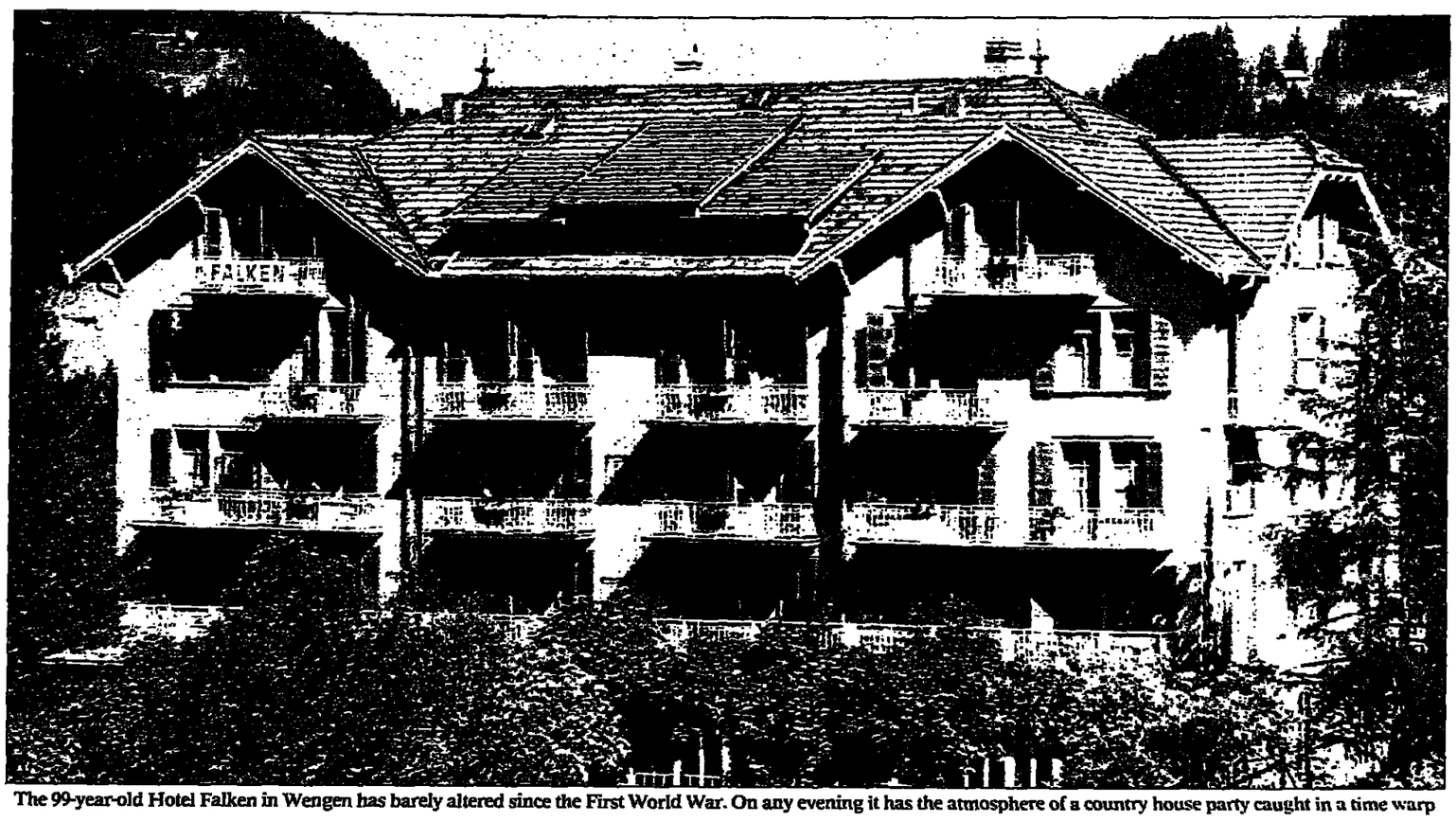
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SWITZERLAND: An alpine resort with the old-fashioned, homely atmosphere of an English country retreat

Music and magic at a hotel that time forgot



The 99-year-old Hotel Falken in Wengen has barely altered since the First World War. On any evening it has the atmosphere of a country house party caught in a time warp

The only thing missing was the words, so I found myself mouthing them: "A sigh is just a sigh, the fundamental things apply, as time goes by." Across the grand piano, I could see Jenny beaming at me as she ran her fingers over the ivory keys, willing me into song. Given my innate ability to make an ostrich seem like a singer, I declined. But it was not so another night when braver, and more tuneful, souls soon evolved a good-natured singalong. Wengen is like that, and the Hotel Falken most of all.

Perched precariously halfway up the final approach to the triple crown of the Alps — the daunting peaks of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau — Wengen is the antithesis of the high-tech, high-speed ski resorts of France. Indeed, its rise, late in the last century, was as a summer resort famed for its fabulous view over the most perfectly formed glacial valley in Europe, with streams so shocked by their sudden plunge over 2,000-ft cliffs down into Lauterbrunnen below that they never reach the ground at all, turning to misty spray in mid-air. It was the British who brought skiing here early this century, using the mountain railway to save the climb. The DHO club, standing for Downhill Only, was born as a result, and still meets here each week in the winter season.

Wengen's appeal to the "better class" of British tourist is well rooted. The Falken displays a framed "Thank You" letter to the local community from a group of British visitors stranded there on the outbreak of war in August 1914. Almost nothing in the hotel has changed since. Neither the ancient radiators nor the interesting electrics nor the clunking lift nor the wonky shutters nor the elegant chaises longues and marquetry card tables in the piano room, nor the clubby chairs and regency stripe sofas in the lobby nor the frayed Persian carpets strewn almost haphazardly across the parquets. The atmosphere on any evening is of a country house party in a time warp: families playing bridge or snap in the lobby, a few young buffs knocking back cold beer and detailing their skiing exploits to impress the waitresses at the bar — always both pretty and anglophone — while the prim elderly figure of Signor Emiglio in his black tie supervises setting candles on the tables for dinner.

This might suggest the Falken is terribly smart. It is not. The opulent Regina next door is, and formidably more expensive, as are the modern Eiger and Silberhorn hotels in the village centre. In comparison, the Falken, shunned by German and Dutch tour operators for its lack of modern conformity, has the comfortable feel familiar to the British country gentry. Guests unceremoniously dump skis and boots in the conservatory where a fan heater can create a pungent odour of socks in the early evening. But that's the other side of the advantage of being able to ski right to the door.

That sort of atmosphere contributes to the feeling of being instantly at home in someone else's home. The mix of formality and informality hits just the right note. And part of the magic is Jenny, the smiling, dumpy mature woman who plays the piano from 9 to 11 every evening. A native Hungarian (she once studied at the Budapest conservatoire), she has a repertoire that runs from snatches of Liszt to *Lady Madonna* or *The Girl from Ipanema* and is inordinately pleased if anyone cares to clap, but not put out if they are too busy at cards or conversation. She also has no complaints if a guest wants to let rip with a moonlight sonata or a honky tonk rag to get the party moving or just his girlfriend giggling.

Andrea Cova, the hotel's owner, is just 46 but his family of Italian Swiss has run the hotel for more than 90 years. His mother Elsa, a beaming impish figure who administers the books from an office dominated by a cluttered Victorian roll-top desk, seems as unchanging as the world they have preserved. And music is a very important part of it, with sponsorship of winter concerts in the village's pretty Lutheran church, perched on the edge of the valley, and in summer at an open-air stage next to the hotel.

Next year the Falken will be celebrating its 100th birthday and Cova, who has close links with the chorus of La Scala opera in Milan, hopes to bring them back to Wengen as he did for the 90th anniversary in 1985, even though the event could hardly be said to have paid its way. But then, if money were all that mattered, the Falken would have been redeveloped long ago. The fundamental things still count after all. Play it again, Jenny.

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AN elegant gentleman 40-55 with old world values and courtesy. GSOH and comfortable lifestyle seeking a caring, independent 43yrs old woman who wishes to bring back laughter and love to life in a serious relationship. Please Reply to Box No 7347

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ATTRACTIVE, sporty, educated, slim, 5'6, n/s, young 44, Sussex lady, divorced and no ties, hesitant to place advert wishes to share in life again. Enjoys theatre, travel, wining and dining. Warm, caring, fun and SOH. If you are of similar age and interests and would like to meet. Please Reply, photo appreciated to Box No 7496

ATTRACTIVE, intelligent and sensitive, slim, petite Londoner seeks man with SOH in 30s. Interests arts, food, travel and fitness. Please send photo to Box No 7359

ATTRACTIVE Mid 40's single parent, slim, kind GSOH 5'6½" caring & sincere seeks gentleman 48-55 for quality caring & sharing. My base is Kent. Please Reply to Box No 7478

ATTRACTIVE prof lady 27 with GSOH + loves the arts, sailing, walking, wining/dining seeks similar man 27+ to enjoy life's pleasures with! London/SE. Photo please. Box No 7517

ATTRACTIVE professional lady mid 40's with varied interests seeks sociable lively professional male 40-60 London based. Reply to Box No 7345

ATTRACTIVE businesslady mid-50's wishes to meet well spoken professional gentleman 50-60 based London. Please Reply to Box No 7346

ATTRACTIVE intelligent professional lady warm and humorous seeks gentleman of integrity 50-60 years. Hampshire.Reply Box No 7419

ATTRACTIVE professional lady mid 40s seeks sincere and sensitive professional male Cambs area. Please Reply with photo to Box No 7624

BEAUTIFUL brainy blonde. London based, good in jeans and ballgowns, successful and financially secure wants to cherish and be cherished by equally successful, tall confident honourable man. 38-47. Please Reply with photo and phone no to Box No 7361

BEGUILING Bubbly Bright brunette ex-model in superb shape. Musician. Tactile, sensuous, fun, loves all things beautiful, good conversation, travel, the arts and her Burmese cat. Seeks super guy 40-52 open, honest, positive thinker, intellectually aware, considerate, generous and romantic. I know you are out there. London based. Photo and handwritten letter, please. Box No 7316

BEGUILING beauty, MBA (W9) seeks brilliant romantic man of vision, passion, integrity. Please Reply to Box No 7326

BI-CULTURED prof lady (32/5'7") excel background, very attractive, well educated and travelled with wide interests seeks serious longlasting relationship with similar gent (30-40) who believes in moral values, is sensitive, tolerant and sporty as well. Please Reply with photo to Box No 7532

BORING and easy-going man 60-70 wanted to share & enjoy life at weekends. Berks/Oxon. Please Reply to Box No 7363

BOTTICELLI woman S.E. seeks renaissance man 48+ for romantic/intellectual activities. Please Reply to Box No 7264

CELTIC woman enjoys London life esp theatre and music likes good conversation, well travelled, 43, N/S seeks 40s man with similar interests to develop a relationship. Box No 7310

CHARISMATIC slim attractive young looking 42 yr old lady with great personality financially secure and modest! Seeks early 40's man with similar attributes. South-East area. Photo please. Box No 7423

CHARMING attractive 24 year old brunette seeks handsome intelligent and fun lawyer type /professional gent 26-34. Photo please.Reply to Box No 7504

CHICHESTER Area. V.attractive intelligent, artistic seeks tallish, well ed prof gentleman lively, honest, affectionate 52-65 for friendship, walks, arts etc. Please Reply to Box No 7537

CLASSY attractive Caribbean lady. Slim 5'6". Can I be the one to bring some fizz and sparkle to your life. Then lets spend an evening together. I enjoy the good things life has to offer. Reply soon and lets jazz. Box No 7450

CONTINENTAL lady, late 40's, cosmopolitan, residing London independent, cultured, attractive, warm and fun-loving with a zest for life seeks sophisticated, cultured romantic male 45-55 to share town & country pursuits for quality friendship /relationship. Please Reply to Box No 7268

CONTINENTAL business lady, main residence South of France, frequently in London, late 40's attractive independent, worldy, well balanced and happy seeks equally happy cultured fun-loving male to explore London. Reply to Box No 7267

CONTINENTAL elegant 40's lady would like to hear from a charismatic happy man who has everything except the perfect woman! South-East /London. Reply to Box No 7321

CONTINENTAL lady 40's, slim, tall, attractive, London teacher, loves books, theatre, walking, seeks cultured prof gentleman N/S, caring, children welcome. Photo please to Box No 7551

CONVINCE me that you are the exception. You believe a woman should be cherished, wooed and loved. If you are in your late forties or older, looking for laughter and much more reply to Box No 7370

COSMOPOLITAN business lady of Continental Jewish background free thinker, intellectual, interested in music, theatre, museums, lectures, travelling, is looking for equally interested partner, age group between 60-70.Box No 7418

COSMOPOLITAN prof Japanese 40's grad. Sincere warm enjoys travel, arts, theatre, music, wine/dine, golf seeks grad. prof man 45-55 similar interests. N/S. Please Reply Box No 7366

COTSWOLD lady in her early 40's tired of her lonely life. creative, a singer with eclectic taste in music seeks 5'11" N/S GSOH, caring intelligent man. Photo please to Box No 7292

DARK slim very attractive lady 48 stylish, sincere seeks handsome & educated solvent man sincere non smoker caring reliable and GSOH to start new life with. Berks. Box No 7392

EAST MIDS slim attractive rehead late 50s seeks man of similar age to share interests art, theatre, cinema, walking, reading, love, affection. Photo please/returned. Box No 7560

DORSET/Hants Border. Businessman, 44, tall, slim and presentable. Time is easily filled but life is empty when lived alone. Seeks lady who is intelligent and well-educated, who enjoys travel, films, books, the countryside, games, and just quiet relaxation. I am honest, caring and good-natured, and will not betray your trust. Please Reply to Box No 7386

ELEGANT slim v.attractive tall 5'7" blonde 42, lovely smile & full of humour. Notts based seeks elegant, witty, warm gent 40-50 to gather lilacs in the spring again! Box No 7322

ELEGANT mature beautiful lady, smart sporty travel wonderful companion seeks gentleman 55-70 with integrity & culture. Please Reply to Box No 7494

ELEGANT SX bluestocking - own hair/teeth seeks lighthearted male company - hair optional - 57+. Photo app. Box No 7484

ESSEX lady teacher/mother 37 n/s C of E. with varied interests seeks lively honest & fun gent for friendship.Box No 7379

FEISTY Aries widow E.Mids NS young 50 likes fast cars, art, gardens, countryside and food seeks warm witty younger man for outings. Box No 7355

FEMININE and successful 38 year old who is attractive and entertaining seeks like minded N/S guy. Enjoys London life, travelling, tennis and skiing. Please Reply to Box No 7364

FIZZY blonde with exceptional brain and body. Happy, sensual, warm, loving, stylish and creative. Passionate about beauty, books, food, friendship, justice, laughter, medicine, people, real music, rivers and sea, village cricket, walking, wine, writing and quiet, peaceful moments. Seeks tall, fit, strong, erudite, chivalrous, desirable n.s. man, 40-54, enthusiastic about life, love, literature and true values. London. ONO. Do write, a photo would be appreciated. Thankyou. Box No 7314

GLAMOROUS Lady Lawyer 30s, blonde, 5'4", slim, witty, Hove based, 1 young child seeks unattached counterpart: successful, amusing, gourmet, n/s. Photo/phone plse Box No 7350

GOOD LOOKING Cosmopolitan woman with new horizons opening seeks interesting cultured man 40-55 for friendship perhaps romance. Brighton & London. Reply to Box No 7389

GREEN EYED beauty seeks quick, witted handsome(ish) man (28-40) with fiery spirit & sense of adventure. Australians welcome! Photo please. SW/SE. Box No 7563

HI! I'm an Asian woman, 35, working in education in East London. I'm seeking a long term relationship with a compatible man. Please write with photo and phone no to Box No 7529

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I'M a warm-hearted attractive lady mid-sixties. N/S seeking young at heart intelligent gentleman with car and varied interests for friendship. Beds area. Box No 7449

INTELLIGENT independent creative attractive brunette 41 5'8" seeks single man to share wide range of interests Beds/Herts/Bucks. Please Reply with photo to Box No 7519

I seek him here I seek him there - vivacious professional lady 40's loves country and animals living central London seeking highly intelligent fun-loving pretty normal bloke to walk in Tibet with! Reply Box No 7418

I seek him here, I seek him there - vivacious lady 44 based Central London looking for fun loving sensitive highly intelligent man. Please Reply to Box No 7541

ISLE OF WIGHT Mermaid 42 sending out SOS for genuine prof man. Photo. Box No 7358

I want to meet a man in his forties, who loves life, food, wine, sunshine, country, city, friends, family, home, hard work & play. Bristol/SW. Photo pls. Box No 7514

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LIFE'S more fun when shared! Spunky, spontaneous, fun-loving, talented, attractive, classy, 6', slim, sporty, prof. lady seeks other ½ 38-46 N/S prof/businessman tall who likes family life, fireside chats serious/silly, adventure & romance. Hampshire. Photo Pls. Reply to Box No 7480

LINCOLNSHIRE Classy lady, sensitive, empathetic professional 47 yrs, NS, GSOH. Seeks genuinely honest gentleman to share the good and bad things in life and who recognises the importance of quality. Please Reply including photo, tel no to Box No 7369

LIVELY cheeky, loving, solvent, fun, aged 38, attractive lady - that me. Amusing, loyal, romantic, fit, tall, attractive, 40+ - thats you. Recent photo please. Box No 7508

LIVLEY attractive prof single parent mid 40s N/S seeks tall prof man with GSOH in similar circumstances. Photo please to Box No 7542

LONDON based charming lady 40, enjoys the classics, cooking, countryside, seeks sincere, kind, n/s, professional gentleman under 50. Please Reply to Box No 7561

LONDON attractive, happy degree student 36 seeks rugged, fit, moral, cheerful man. Please Reply to Box No 7403

LONDON based Oriental lady 40's seeks intelligent N/S respectable male. Box No 7564

LONELY in N.London female 56 needs loving energetic male 45-55 to share country and cultural interests perhaps more. Photo please to Box No 7452

LOVELY lady nurse n/s GSOH. Seeks profoundly caring affectionate interesting professional gentleman 45+ with sound principles and strength of character as soulmate. Interests: arts travel and the home. Please Reply to Box No 7413

LOVELY lonely man going to waste! Graduate, youthful 36 chaste, humorous, honourable. Loves countryside and children. Longs to be husband and father. Am I too late? Herts. Please Reply to Box No 7607

LOVELY, lovable, sincere lady 48, solvent, creative and successful wide interests & enquiring mind seeks similar gent. Cambs area.Reply Box No 7404

LOVING Attractive creative lady, GSH, N/S, Home-maker, good cook & hostess, interests country pursuits, fishing, travel, arts, theatre. Happy in gumboots or tiara. Would like to meet loving sincere, generous spirited professional/country gentleman/ farmer (Laird with Castle) home or abroad. 50+. Photo please. Box No 7513

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NORTHUMBERLAND Attractive, intelligent 30s woman. Happily well-educated 30s woman. Happily wel-adjusted. Wide interests. Solid career but strong on nurturing too - caring, sympathetic and fond of children. Box No 7512

NORTH of England. Tall slim educated blonde (47) enjoys sailing, ski-ing, classical music, good restaurants seeks intelligent articulate man with charm & style. Photo please. Box 7465

NORTH YORKS lady, 52, sincere, caring, intelligent, classical music lover, keen walker and crossword addict seeks that special man to make her life complete. Reply to Box No 7569

OXBRIDGE lady doctor, aged 31, with eclectic tastes, seeks love and happiness from a long-term relationship. The perfect match for an elegant, beautiful, Asian lady of 5'6" would be a kind, generous, handsome affluent gentleman of 6' or over aged 28-35. Genuine replies only please. Reply to Box No 7398

PRETTY intelligent 37yr old seeks friend for sports & travel. Reply to Box No 7399

PROF attractive Asian lady, 30, 5'4 seeks affectionate, sincere, prof male 30-38, 5'8 - 6'2, N/S, SOH. Reply to Box No 7536

PROFESSIONAL active youthful people 55-65 who would like to form small select group interested in finer things of life - preferably Nrth Herts Cambridge area. Pvte. Box No 7319

RAYMOND W2 Irish lady would like you to write again. A phone no would be helpful. Box 7509

RECENT London escapee, now West of Severn, seeks intelligent male 50-60. Interested in countryside, travel, books. Please Reply to Box No 7333

REFINED ex-model 64 residing N/E seeks widowed /unattached gentleman doctor or similar prof 60+ for permanent relationship.Box No 7366

RETIRED vivacious lady early 60's seeks active solvent gentleman 60-70 to share cultured pursuits based London. Please Reply to Box No 7344

RIDICULOUSLY optimistic lady. Striking, solvent 38 seeks tall spontaneous man for adventures. Photo ess. Box No 7331

ROMANTIC French lady NS seeks tall caring educated soulmate. Enjoys the arts, music, travelling and more. SE/London/Home Counties. 50/60. Box No 7250

ROMANTIC caring young looking 40 yr old female with SOH seeks male company with similar qualities to share varied interests. Photo/tel and note would be nice. Reply Box No 7500

SCANDINAVIAN medical writer /authoress, slim, stunning, humorous, loving, exceptionally young 54, seeks easygoing gentleman for mutual appreciation. Please Reply to Box No 7382

SEXY hard working lady mid 40s with heart of gold seeks a kind loving humorous man 45-55. Box No 7462

SINGLE tall attractive professional female (brunette) early thirties, would like to hear from tall handsome man for caring, sincere relationship. Please Reply to Box No 6687

SLIM, attractive, loyal kind lady. London house, holiday home in the sun, looking for very special gentleman 50-60 N/S secure & free for longlasting relationship. Please Reply to Box No 7245

SOPHISTICATED attractive slim lady seeks academic prof. male. Surrey /Sussex area. Photo app. Reply Box No 7485

SOPHISTICATED well-educated sporty lady seeks fun gentleman 45+. London area. Box 7388

SOUTHEAST Lady 48 loves golf, travel, bridge, theatre seeks gentleman to share future and enjoyment of similar. Photo please to Box No 7329

STYLISH independent English lady living Scotland, needs educated caring solvent man for fun, friendship and more. Please Reply to Box No 7554

SW LONDON Attractive professional business lady seeks similar man 30-40 who enjoys tennis, ski-ing, music, dining out, to share enjoyable weekends. Reply to Box No 7340

TALL NZ nurse 49, 5ft Bucks would like to meet easy-going N/S man. Box No 7446

TALL sporty NS mid 50's living greater London would like to meet kind & sincere man 55-63 with sense of humour. Interests include music, walking, good food & wine. Box No 7330

TALL slim elegant blond has a touch of class 50's prof/grad widowed fit GSOH N/S interests classic cars sailing theatre seeks real gent to match upto. Please Reply to Box No 7382

THOUGHTFUL educated, good-looking, separated brunette, 45. London, likes the arts, travel. seeks educated, kind, funny man, 40 - young 60ish. Friendship first Photo, detailed letter please. Box No 7466

TWO Southern Belle Scarlet O'Hara's, 40ish, seek two RB's, who do give a damn, for fun, laughter & who knows? Photos & Phone please to Box No 7334

UNATTACHED slim, sophisticated blonde, 40's definitely attractive. VGSOH, seeks available, presentable man-of-the-world under 58. Shropshire/West Midlands.Reply to Box No 7412

V.ATTRACTIVE caring Sussex lady 38 wide interests, one son seeks charming reliable single professional man to share future with. Please reply with photo to Box No 7505

VIVACIOUS Independant lady, young 44 loves travel theatre entertaining. Dreams of semi-retirement to France with right man. Good communicator, VGSOH essential. Photo and entertaining letter please. Please Reply to Box No 7539

WARM HEARTED caring lady early 60's not ret'd charity executive, numerous interests - art/antiques, cooking, wining & dining, travel etc seeks similarly well-educated, tall solvent businessman. E.Anglia/Essex. Photo appreciated. Box 7381

WARM loving sincere lady, 40, attractive and intelligent seeks sincere successful and caring gent with GSOH to enjoy good times. Bucks/Oxon. Box 7322

WARM wonderful mid 40's fast moving funny female in need of man to be all this with. Hants/STH. Wilts. Please Reply to Box No 7582

WELL travelled French lady blond slim 66 widow no children likes country/town seeks Airline Pilot/Lawyer/Doctor 58-68 educated. solvent to share life together. Ness photo. Please Reply to Box No 7458

WIDOW accomplished slender tall elegant 50's seeks loyal companion London/Country. Loneliness hurts. Box No 7378

YOU'D better have a pretty damn good excuse for still being single given that you're knocking 40, literate, urbane, resourceful and attractive. I'm a warm, gorgeous, green-eyed, London-based literata (35) - but then I know what my excuse is. Short letter with photo guarantees reply. Box No 7376

YOU found me - if you want a slim lively 50yr old beauty and you are an attractive prof male who values loyalty and integrity please write with phone no/photo to Box No 7475

YOUNG 57 graduate very caring, resident Spain & UK seeks sincere educated man 55/64 solvent, free, lover of music, books, films, travel. Please Reply to Box No 7621

GENTLEMEN

AD MAN 6' athletic, sensual, passionate, lives France/England. Open minded, GSOH, 40's, with the experience to make an attractive intelligent 30's lady very happy. Photo appreciated. Box No 7251

ADRIFT in the NW a restless but OK tallish, fit man. Not seeking a hearth or a crutch but the amity & comfort of a spirited, informed & reliable 50s woman. Write plse Box No 7362

ADVENTUROUS attractive, tall M.D., 46, enjoys good lifestyle at Berks/Wilts base, seeks stylish lady to share some exciting times, recent photo + phone no to Box No 7518

AFFECTIONATE easy-going professional/ fun lover. Blue-eyed young 45 Surrey based 5'8" seeks romance with younger attractive intelligent pretty dresser to share interests eg: wine food/international travel and sport for sincere relationship. This one's a must so tarry not - put pen to paper in a jot. If romance blossoms trite and fine - our passions soon will intertwine. Reply Box No 7431

AFFECTIONATE professional male, attractive, intelligent, warm personality, early 40s. Interests include travel, wining & dining, countryside, cinema seeks similar lady 25 to 40 for fun, romance and relationship. Photo please. Box No 7366

AIRLINE PILOT Fifties, divorced. Looks OK, kind and solvent. London based, homes in France and Spain, seeks girlfriend, 40/45, slim and attractive, non smoker, for normal sharing relationship. Photo essential. Reply to Box No 7511

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ANTIQUARIAN book-seller, 50, has lived in Central and Southern Europe, so Cosmopolitan, but with best British education, seeks warm, homely companion equally at home here and abroad, with understanding sense of humour. Please Reply to Box No 7287

ARE you a discerning and articulate woman (45+) in London, who is non-smoking, tallish, slim and good-looking, seeking intellectual, sexual and emotional rapport? If so, I am a man with similar attributes and aspirations. Photo helpful. Box No 7311

ARTICULATE presentable M.D. 55 5'8" seeks attractive petite younger lady to cherish and share the good life. I am South Notts based and enjoy exotic holidays dining out and the theatre. Photo much appreciated. Reply to Box No 7429

ARTICULATE attractive lady sought by W.Sussex man young 50 who likes tennis, theatre, travel, food & wine and who misses a special partner to share them with. Box No 7533

ASSERTIVE, strong-willed female who knows her own mind and likes to take control requested to communicate with a wealthy generous English gentleman (48) with a view to developing a mutually beneficial and stimulating relationship. Your age is immaterial - it is more important to be on a similar mental wavelength. Please Reply to Box No 7557

ATTRACTIVE professional single guy, 43 seeks similar female 20/30s for a relaxed long-term relationship of deep friendship much fun and uncontrolled romance! Dorset. Please Reply to Box No 7411

ATTRACTIVE male 6', n/s, slim, 44, widely traveled, enjoys wining and dining, walks, travel, seeks lady 25-40 for fun and friendship. Surrey/London. Photo ensures reply. Please Reply to Box No 7543

ATTRACTIVE tall successful 43YO businessman seeks tall desirable lady (30-40) for lasting relationship & all things bright and beautiful. London/Surrey/Sw. Photo Pls! Please Reply to Box No 7544

ATTRACTIVE aware Christian prof social wk man, 36, 6', seeks special woman for fun, dance & TLC & good conversation. Box No 7308

A Warks man, 30, 6ft, warm, cultured, handsome, fun. Photo pls. Box No 7490

A warm sensitive normal man, 36, enjoys life, sympathetic, witty, well adjusted seeks cheerful woman Wessex/London. Please Reply Box 7338

BACHELOR 33, Surrey, Christian morals, likes classical music, countryside, gardening, wining/dining, seeks lady companion. Please Reply Box 7534

BERKS bachelor tall solvent only 49 likes dancing wining dining and plays golf seeks n/s unattached slim lady 36+ for friendship/romance. Please Reply to Box No 7426

BLEST with many friends, two children away happily married, well cared for by housekeeper in elegant country home; but missing that special lady. If you are a cheerful churchgoing lady used to good things and wish to enjoy life with an active youthful 65 professional English gentleman who believes in old fashioned courtesies, I will happily share your residence in Cornwall to Sussex or Far East. Impeccable references. Box No 7218

BUSINESSMAN tall slim 55 young outlook easy to talk to seeks shapely slim/medium younger fun loving female under 5'7" to enjoy life with based North West - will travel. Please Reply to Box No 7565

CAMBRIDGE professional 38, would like to meet special lady to share fun, romance and world travel. Please Reply to Box No 7546

CARING relaxed prof male 37 5'10" slim fit, seeks similar female interested in sport, theatre, eating out C.London. Photo assures reply. Box 7453

CARING widower solvent, GSOH N/S youthful 60's, house mid-Wilts seeks charming, elegant, witty mature lady for lasting companionship. Box No 7556

CATHOLIC, 47 divorced, wishing to try again with younger n/s Christian lady. I like all music (except jazz), reading, good wine and food, travel, especially France and Spain. My children are grown and flown, and I live in solvency in Cornwall. If you would like to build a new life in the West Country with a presentable humorous tolerant man, please Reply with photograph and phone no to Box No 7353

CHELSEA based professional guy, 47, 5'10", slim, good sense of humour and sympathetic to conservation issues. Call Ian 0839 122 553 (Voicemail).

CHESHIRE Sensual lady (40's) full life but looking for interesting quality gentleman for long term relationship. Conversation humour, style, travel, but above all respect warmth and love. Definately no time wasters. Photos.Reply to Box No 7452

CHUNKY fit 5'11" 54 London entrepreneur graduate no hang ups N/S, you judge if attractive & SOH. Would prefer you to be slimish & relaxed. Box No 7557

CULTURED gentleman 50yrs. 6'1" n/s T/T without any family seeks sophisticated financially secure lady any age who is kind quiet warm London or Devon. Reply to Box No 7270

DARK and handsome, widely travelled, well educated Englishman 38, 5'7" newly settled in London seeks equally attractive slim professional lady 25-38 for long term laughter and love. Please Reply with photo to Box No 7312

DAVID, 32, attractive, slim and youthful, intelligent, honest, romantic yet practical with GSOH, seeks similar lady to share happy days. Midlands. Box No 7457

DESERTED Doctor, 48, with his own motor boat seeks easy going, intelligent, attractive crewmate/companion 30s/40s for weekends/holidays afloat W.Sussex. Box No 7530

DESIGNER 29 5'9" medium build blue eyes N/S based S.London/Surrey varied interests WLTM N/S educated sincere gentle warm attractive female with SOH. Photo please to Box No 7562

DISCERNING and successful Englishman, unattached, slim, fit and virile (over 45), requires a slim younger lady for a lasting loving relationship. Most London. Photo. Box No 7535

DROITWICH male realised he will soon be 50. Workaholic MD, enjoys horseriding keeping fit and maybe one day will run a marathon providing his favourite past-time of wine and food are kept in check. Still has own hair/teeth and can hopefully rely on his GSOH, BMW, personality, wit, charm and wealth to encourage attractive, slim female to reply please to Box No 7274

EAST ANGLIAN farmer widower sportsman traveller would like to meet lady 45-60 to share the simple and good things of life. Please include a recent photograph. Reply to Box No 7283

EAST SUSSEX gentleman a young 50 slim N/S generous seeks slim fun-loving sincere lady 36+ with no hang ups to restore his faith in females. Please Reply to Box No 7476

EASY-GOING professional, widower, 45, no progeny, enjoys country walks, gardening, cooking, good food/wine, travel, theatre, films, Classic and Jazz FM seeks to share these pleasures and more with a tall and fun-loving n/s lady (35-45) in Berks/Bucks area. Please send your recipe and photo to Reply to Box No 7461

EDINBURGH based Scot age 67 with diverse interests seeks lady adjutant robust and financially independent, age 55-60. Please reply to Box No 7481

GAY gentleman aged 23 bright handsome quiet seeks benign professional man 46-60 to share the pleasures of life together. London area only. Box No 7536

GENTLEMAN 38, 5'10 NS slim city based wished to rediscover fun things in life. Seeks lady to share romance. Please Reply to Box No 7503

GENTLEMEN. Early retired priest will pet-care in your home or drive you for business/ or holidays. Reply Box No 7264

GERMAN 6ft 1 young 50s slim, sporty, unconventional, fun loving, 26 years UK, still in jeans & Porsche seeks slim petite lady in her 40s. W.Sussex based. Reply to Box No 7499

GOOD LOOKING Indian grad/ bus.man 36 Mediterranean looking London based 5'8", engl romantic & caring music cinema dining out. Seeks soulmate to share the simple things in life view to marriage. Photo & phone no pls. Box 7316

GORGEOUS, slim, seriously sexy n/s career girl ready to forge a permanent relationship sought by tall, handsome impulsively romantic just turned forty solvent male who is superficially quiet yet has a quick wit and wicked sense of humour and fun. Do you enjoy travel, water sports, spontaneous adventure as well as a little luxury and the peace of the countryside? Love of giant dogs essential. Hampshire based. Letter with photograph appreciated. Box 7304

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HIGH mileage 1940's model, many faults, but with full service history, seeks slim attractive non smoking lady driver. Very successful in business, but would like to meet somebody very special to share this with. Interests include flying, travel to Far East islands, country walks across fields with dogs, dining out, quiet evenings at home with log fire and a glass of wine. Please send me a letter with phone no and photograph to Box No 7447

HIGH & mighty, friendly, broad-minded bearded man, 48, London seeks sensitive, fit masculine chap 30-50, N/S. Box No 7320

HI There. This is my first time doing this, if also yours and you're attractive and fit divorced and young looking for your age, and you feel as though you're missing out on life and you're between the age of 35/40 then give me a ring. My name is Joe. I'm often on the go! I'm a fit young outgoing 45 year old with blue eyes, all my own teeth/hair and all my other parts in working order! I am considered to be attractive, trendy with a cheeky smile. I work hard and like to get away most w/ends. I'm looking for a special friend with a GSOH pref living in Sussex/Surrey or Hampshire but not essent. Please send photo and phone no. I promise to return photos. Reply to Box No 7467

IRISH bachelor London 48 5'8" refined N/S various interests, own home/business seeks kind, slim, attractive lady with GSPH for friendship. Please Reply to Box No 7540

JERSEY resident 48 n/s wishes to share lovely home with attractive solvent lady escaping UK taxes.Reply to Box No 7437

KIND attractive young looking fit 60s widower, lovely home seeks attractive GSOH music loving intellectual lady. Please Reply to Box No 7387

LONDONER 60 5'8" with joie de vivre and a touch of class seeks similar lady 45-55 to explore the unknown. Photo please. Please Reply to Box No 7394

LONDON lawyer seeks slim funny professional female 27-37 to share Sport of Kings and celebrations thereafter. Please Reply to Box 7565

MALE, 35, enjoys exploring (UK and beyond), walking, historic buildings, travel, islands, industrial archaeology, rural pubs, warm, sincere, thoughtful, great sense of humour, seeks female for days out. London/ South. Reply to Box No 7484

MANCHESTER Recently available to the market a tall slim good condition and quite well balanced professional who looks 40 but isn't. Box No 7459

MAN on a mission - everything but the woman - professional businessman 40 something - licensed to fly - sense of the ridiculous, tends to be a little shy at first - complete telephonoholic - would be interested to make contact with independent woman with everything but the man Please reply to Box No 7342

MATURE Sportswoman athletic build perhaps P/E, weights or rowing coach sought by tall prof man. Fitness, cultural interests, very responsive 52. Reply to Box No 7479

MIDLANDS man 40s unattached N/S seks lady who enjoys sports, dining out, theatre & travel. Phto app Box No 7520

N.WEST professional, retired, slim, fit, 5'8" N/S, seeks soulmate 40-55 to share life, country walks, TLC, laughter, music, etc.Reply Box No 7335

N.WEST Good looking 6ft gent 53 GSOH int arts, books, country, garden seeks slimish lady. Photo app will return Box 7515

NO flowery claims! Widower 59 tall fit active country dweller solvent n/s with varied interests would like a sincere relationship with slender lady up to 50 years old and complementary qualities. Living within 60 mile radius junction 14 M1 Please Reply to Box No 7595

NORMAL fun Jewish lawyer, 42, successful, seeks lady 26-39 London/country. Box No 7481

OXFORD GRADUATE, wife sadly died aged 34, 3 children boarding, seeks gentle, perceptive, possibly shy Sloaney girl 26-35, n.s., believer, who would value the extra love, excitement and treasuring of somebody old enough to be her father but full of go. Georgian house in Wimbledon. Travel, theatre, Wimbledon. Cautious telephoning first. Nobody need know how we met. It could be perfect. Please Reply Box 6936

PROFESSIONAL gentleman of independent means, newly single, 45, 6ft, slim, athletic, SOH, interested in the arts, classics, theatre, walking, tennis, skiing and travel. Seeks attractive n/s slim educated lady 30-40 yrs (especially the lady who would normally hesitate at answering such an ad) for initial friendship with view to ultimately sharing interesting life-style and wonderful home in country. Reply to Box No 7131

PROFESSIONAL gent residing in Dublin. Early 80's financially secure. Interests include countryside and classical music. Seeks attractive lady/homemaker with or without 1 or 2 young children. Please Reply to Box No 7434

PROFESSIONAL man 46 NS, GSOH, been working too hard now seeking younger female kindred spirit to share time, travel, food, drink and more. Southwest. Box No 7339

PUBLIC SCHOOL educated female, ideally Oxbridge graduate, sought by friendly male, 34, for walks, cycling, NT visits, countryside, canals. South/anywhere. Box No 7488

SAILING lady (40-55) sought by gentleman with new 35ft yacht and romantic disposition, Poole, Dorset. Other interests include good food, wine & music. Photo appreciated/returned Box 7535

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SENSIBLE conservative young man seeks similar lady 23+. to go places with or stay in this Spring and beyond. For friendship with view to romance. Please Reply to Box No 7269

SINCERE man just 50, likes socialising, sport and other wide interests. Seeks a warm hearted petite lady to share friendship Cambs/Herts/Beds. Photo/ reply to Box No 7501

SPECIAL OFFER! Endearing 'young 50's professional man/ widower, mid-Sussex with GSOH seeks attractive lady 40s-50s with kindred 'young at heart' spirit. Photo pls. Box No 7317

SUCCESSFUL professional Parisian 35 attractive, tall, dark hair, N/S, romantic, sincere, GSOH, enjoys gourmet food, wine, travel, skiing etc. Seeks business/professional lady 30-50 for long term relationship London/anywhere. Reply with photo appreciated. ALA. Reply to Box No 7446

SUMMER is coming! Tall slim professional man 38 needs lady for long country walks in Sussex/Surrey. Please Reply to Box No 7510

SURREY V.G. looking prof young late 40's grown/away children seeking younger beautiful solvent n/s fit lady no major ties to jointly change lifestyles. Please send photo to Box No 7527

TALL, cultured, virile and successful. Bon Vivant (Scandinavian, London based) would like to meet elegant, intellectual, cultured and beautiful lady (39-49) to share the good things of life. Light smoking and drinking not a handicap but part of the pleasure. Write in strictest confidence enclosing photo. Please Reply to Box No 7417

TALL Handsome gent 41 kind, sincere, romantic, good-humoured non-smoker seeks special lady. Likes town/ country life. Photo appreciated (and returned) ALA. London/East Anglia. Reply to Box No 7548

TRAVEL, wine & dine, relax with Brit 52 M.E. based but frequent travels to Europe, USA, Gulf. Ladies 39+ who are daring, adventurous should send details photo & phone no to Box 7456

TYNESIDE widower Christian young 64 cheerful slim 6ft ints. music art lit. fell walking swim. well ed. well travelled N/S SOH seeks special lady 54-64 for caring relationship Box 7550

UK-INDIAN, graduate tall 39 systems manager, n/s likes tennis gym golf travel, honesty. London. Seeks similar GSOH classy lady.Reply Box No 7557

UNATTACHED good looking warm educated male 50, seeks professional, attractive in body and soul female 25-30 for fun and romance. Box No 7523

WALKER? Male, 35, seeks female walking companion. Londoner - travels widely. Warm-hearted, friendly, reasonably outgoing person preferred. Reply to Box No 7486

UPPER CLASS female sought by middle class male London/ Surrey, 35. No objection to Rolls Royces & manor houses! Interests: Heritage, travel, countryside, inland waterways, country pubs, islands, London. Considerate and caring, walks SOH - genuine advertisement Please Reply to Box No 7485

WARM presentable 6'1" widower 44, educated, caring with young family. Seeks attractive, intelligent, 30s special lady. SW Cheshire. Box No 7343

YOU have Intelligence, Style, Elegance and Sensuality, and are equally at home at the opera or in wellies. Professional male, (46), Caucasian, tall, fit, living London and Somerset, seeks superb lady to share entertainment, genuine countryside, long distance travel etc Photo please Box No 7293

YOUNG at heart retired Mng Dir. villa in Spain, home St Johns Wood, most happy with younger ladies seeks petite happy go lucky lady for jazz, dining out, theatre, clubs, Spanish holidays. Box No 7477

YOUNG 60, educated, caring, NS, 5'7". Active, wide interests, inc. travel. Resident UK & Spain Seeks lady to share. Box 7374

DUTCHMAN 33, 6ft 2, S.E., fin controller, MBA, goodlooking, sincere, caring, romantic, many interests, fun-loving. Seeks charming, slim, attractive prof. lady, 25-37, to give each other lasting happiness. Photo appreciated. Box No 7129

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HANDSOME, slim, energetic, university teacher and writer, 50s, located in West, seeks slim special lady. Photo please. Box No 7137

HERTS oak, 59, 6', seeks younger rose to intertwine & grow on him. Leaflets to Box No 7148

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INDIVIDUAL reasonable looking/ fit director, 51 would like to meet an attractive slim lady who is uninhibited unpretentious somewhat adventurous and would like to feel that forgotten feeling again. Berks/London/South. Photo ensures reply. Box No 7203

LIVING PARTNER Slim but curvy woman (36-55) needed by velvet-voiced London man seeking sensuous soulmate who also values her independence. Photo appreciated. Box 7169

KIND, caring, loyal, intelligent, honest, witty, romantic late 30's Englishman seeks tall American or European prospective partner. Box No 7133

LONDON Based man 53 tall, thin, intuitive with eclectic interest. An achiever who has achieved only part of life's ambitions seeks that special lady, 40's, elegant, educated with demanding standards. The right person will not be disappointed. Please Reply with photo to Box No 7169

LONE Fledgling 55 seeks lady pilot for PPL, help & tuition. Are others out there in need of thrills & friendship. Slim prof N/S Surrey/Sussex/Home. Photo please. Reply box 7230

MAN on a mission - everything but the woman - professional businessman 40 something - licensed to fly - sense of the ridiculous, tends to be a little shy at first - complete telephonoholic - would be interested to make contact with independent woman with everything but the man. Please reply to Box No 7342

MR SANDMAN - Won't you please bring a lady 30-42, slim, pretty, N/S, with a bubbly personality, and a good sense of humour. Please tell her that I'm 5'11", and a very young 47, cultured, caring, loving, very romantic, likes the theatre, skiing, dining out, weekends in the Cotswolds and holidays in Greece. London/S. East area. Recent photo appreciated. Please Reply to box no 7233

N.WEST professional, retired, slim, fit, 5'8" N/S, seeks soulmate 40-55 to share life, country walks, TLC, laughter, music, etc.Reply Box No 7335

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE /HUMBERSIDE, friendly, youthful, unattached teacher, 43, 5'8", seeks intelligent and attractive lady, to walk through the fields of barley and down the long and winding road. Likes music, travel, wine, books, gardens, and walking. Please Reply to Box No 7260

NORTH German based prof gent 55, English, good job, seeks lady, (Nurse, school teacher) for permanent caring relationship. Genuine replies please. Reply to Box No 7227

GENTLEMEN. Early retired priest will pet-care in your home or drive you for business/ or holidays. Reply Box No 7264

PRESENTABLE urbane, slimline man 56, well educated and travelled, seeks intelligent slow soulmate with panache for laughs and maybe passion. Please Reply to Box No 7167

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PROFESSIONAL active youthful people 55-65 who would like to form small select group interested in finer things of life - preferably Nrth Herts Cambridge area. Pvte. Box No 7319

PROFESSIONAL male thirty something, own home and business seeks slim attractive dark female to explore life with. Location immaterial. Box 7140

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SENSUAL, stylish, elegant, intelligent lady in need of TLC sought by loyal, humorous, kind, attractive, tall Northerner (39) looking for fresh start. Children very welcome. Box 7135

SHAPELY Irish lady 26-40 with lots of personality, warmth & red hair sought by easy going Scot, young 39, n/s, 5'8", GSOH, for long-term mutual infatuation. London. Photo pls. Please Reply to Box No 7219

SILVERGREY Tom 48 tired seeks shortish slimish tabby to share life, love and my basket. Smoker preferred. W. London. Please Reply to Box No 6916

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STRONG sagacious sporty substantial sartorially sub standard Surrey scallywag 57 seeks superphotogenic sensuous sylph. Suggest sending snap. Box No 7154

SURREYS-BASED professional, 49, slim, fit, attractive, GSOH, seeks similar caring, sincere N/S lady 35-43. Interests tennis, countryside, theatre, travel, music, wining/dining. Box 7141

TIME for a life change. Tall, attractive, prosperous, ambitious, considerate, sensual, multi-faceted businessman /writer; lithe and fit 40ish; enthusiasms include Schubert, Rolling Stones, books, fashion and convertibles: seeks absolutely glamorous young woman with theatrical and operatic tastes. London. Photo please. Please Reply to Box No 7222

U.K. - Indian, graduate tall 39 systems manager, n/s likes tennis gym golf travel, honesty. London. Seeks similar GSOH classy lady.Reply Box No 7337

UNATTACHED sincere & educated male, 30's, wasting away last 15 yrs in London, seeks loyal sweet & trusted female friend who likes Chinese, to enjoy & share the good things in life. Reply to Box No 7172

WARM presentable 6'1" widower 44, educated, caring with young family. Seeks attractive, intelligent, 30s special lady, SW Cheshire. Box No 7343

WELL EDUCATED Co Director, 34 in Cheshire wants more fun and balance in life. Seeks caring, good looking lady for romance. Photo appreciated. Box No 7162. Non-smoker.

"WONDERBRA" wearer who lives, and wants a relationship preserving independence (35-55), sought by velvet-voiced, vibrant, loyal London "wonderman". Photo appreciated. Box No 7165

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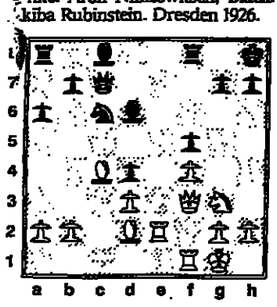
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by Raymond Keene

I RECEIVE many queries from readers asking which book I should recommend to teach chess strategy. There is only one answer. Anyone who wishes to improve their strategic grasp of the game, and has not yet done so, should immediately acquire *My System*, by Aron Nimzowitsch. This book, although written in the 1920s, still contains the most valuable advice on how to play. It might be described as the chess version of Euclid's *Elements of Geometry*.

A particular forte of Nimzowitsch was the seemingly paradoxical move which nevertheless served the interests of a grand overall strategic design. Such a move was 18 Nh1, in the game which follows. According to Nimzowitsch, the entire theme of White's campaign of aggression in this game was to dominate and ultimately penetrate Black's camp via the open e-file. White's 18th move was a crucial component of this plan. White's strategy ultimately triumphs when his queen bursts through with cataclysmic force onto e7 on move 33.

White: Aron Nimzowitsch; Black: Akiba Rubinstein. Dresden 1926.



18 Nh1!

A truly remarkable move. It is amazing that this retreat to one of the worst squares on the board for a knight is in fact the prelude to the decisive attack.

White's plan is to reintroduce the knight into the game by means of Nf2 — h3 — g5. Nimzowitsch's games are full of these paradoxical ideas, which must have looked like witchcraft to baffled and defeated opponents.

18	...	Bd7	19	Nf2	Rae8
20	Rfe1	Rxe2	21	Rxe2	Nd8
22	Nh3	Bc6			

White's plan becomes clear on 22... Re8 23 Qh5 Rxe2 24 Ng5! h6 25 Qg6! hxg5 26 Qh5 checkmate. This variation reveals the remarkable energy developed by the retreat of White's knight on move 18.

23	Qh5	g6	24	Qh4	Kg7
25	Qf2				

This manoeuvre is designed to drive away Black's dark-squared bishop from the defence of his kingside.

25	...	Bc5	26	b4	Bb6
27	Qh4	Re8	28	Re5	Nf7
29	Bxf7	Qxf7	30	Ng5	Qg8
31	Rxe8	Bxe8	32	Qe1	

Curiously, in spite of the reduced material, Black is almost helpless against an elegant mating attack. The rejuvenated knight on g5 naturally plays a key role in all this.

32	...	Bc6	33	Qe7+	Kh8
34	b5				

The final thrust of the deep terminates Black's resistance. If now, 34...axb5 35 Ne6 (if 35...h6 36 Qf6+ Kh7 37 Ng5+) 36 Qf6+ Kh7 37 Ng5+ Kh6 Bb4. This draws the noose tight around the black king and was the point of the pawn sacrifice on move 34. Black is now helpless; for example 38...h4 39 Bf8+ Kh5 Nf7 g5 and h3 with mate to follow.

34	...	Qg7	35	f7+	Kxg7
36	bxc6	bxc6			

Black is a piece down and could resign.

37	Nf3	c5		Ne5	Bc7
39	Nc4	Kf7		g3	Bd8
41	Ba5	Be7		Bc7	Ke6
43	Nb6	h6		h4	g5
45	h5	g4	46	Be5	

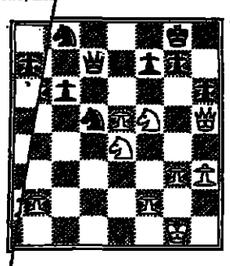
Black resigns

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THE LETTER OF THE LAW.

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Ma. "HOW DO YOU COUNT, THEN?"
Ethel. "I COUNT ON MY TOES—THEN SHE CAN'T SEE WE DOING IT!"



Jones was known to practise his conversions at the drop of a hat

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ALULA
a. A Hawaiian dance
b. A vestigial wing
c. Mormon for Allelujah

CAMARON
a. A freshwater shrimp
b. A West Indian cutlass
c. A type of truffle

EKISTICS
a. A technique of relaxation
b. A Basque version of hockey
c. The study of settlements

ANDROCONIUM
a. Smelly wings
b. The head of a pillar
c. A narcotic made from honey

Answers on page 21

COMPUTER GAMES

How to enter Cyberspace

PACE THIS IS the last call to enter our Cyberspace Five competition, which is open to all readers and closes on Monday. We're focusing on shareware and freeware titles as well as Bulletin Board Systems and, to match this theme, have three prizes to give away of the award-winning MicroLin fx pocket modem and start-up communications packages, worth £199.

The dinky MicroLin fx modem, from Pace, doubles as a fax machine and also allows easy access to almost all shareware and freeware games ever marketed plus the chance to participate in live multi-user games. No bigger than a Walkman, it runs on both mains (adaptor provided) and battery. Our three winners will also receive WinFax Lite and DosFax Lite, for Windows or MS-DOS application, which are all you need to hook yourself online to try free connect time to explore CompuServe and the Almac bulletin board.

To enter Cyberspace Five you are asked to write — in clear longhand or type — discriminating, sharp reviews of any shareware games which have proved to be an unexpected treasure. The judges prefer humorous reports of unlikely contenders. Each entry should include your name, age, address and daytime telephone together with name, telephone and address for the producer of the shareware you are reviewing.

Send to: Cyberspace Five, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. You can also fax entries on 071-729 6791. The closing date is Monday, May 2 and the judges will not enter into additional correspondence.

ROBERT COOK's *D:Generation* (£19.99, Mindscape) gets a welcome new lease of life, with its release on the Windows format. A secret project has run out of control at the grey Genoq Corporation's biotech research lab in Singapore, bringing total chaos by triggering the tower's smart security system, now running on full alert.

Most of the employees have been killed in the disaster and your mission is to first free the few trapped survivors and then to disarm the destructive, self-disguising security organism itself, the invisible D/Generation.

Here is a great excuse for tens of puzzles in one package, found by exploring more than 120 rooms on the various floors of Genoq's skyscraper. Each room is viewed in cutaway perspective and the graphics are clean and clear, with a ribbon of good-humour running through the gameplay.

Another platform game, with simpler graphics but speedier action, is the Sonic-like clone, *Forbidden Planet*, another best-seller in the shareware market.

The plot is irrelevant, the trick is to bounce along, a-leaping and a-jumping through a never-ending assault course littered with unpleasant monsters and unexpected prizes.

The game is from the author of *Duke Nukum*. *Forbidden Planet* sells for £4.99 from Softkey International (Tel: 081-789 2000).

Next week, news of some of the games goodies already in the pipeline for end-of-year airing, including a taste of things to come in the *Micro Machines* fastlane. Another BBS recommended as head and shoulders above the rest: Cambridge's The Farm, on 0223 2b8094.

Bridge

by Albert Dormer

A LONGING to be remembered is one of our deepest instincts. More than 400,000 people, mostly Americans, have paid to have a star named after them, and it sometimes seems that a similar number may have sought self-perpetuation by attaching their names to bidding conventions.

Does NAMYATS mean anything to you? Sam Stayman made his best play for immortality when he succeeded, way back, in appropriating the 2♣ response to 1NT. (It had been invented by his partner, George Rapee and, independently, by Britain's Jack Marx.) However, to give himself a second shot, he later affixed his name, this time spelt backwards, to a convention for pre-emptive openings.

The resulting label, NAMYATS, is recognised by the ACBL's Official Encyclopaedia but, unluckily for Sam's commemorative aspirations, it has not caught on in Britain. Transfer pre-empts do not really need a special name at all.

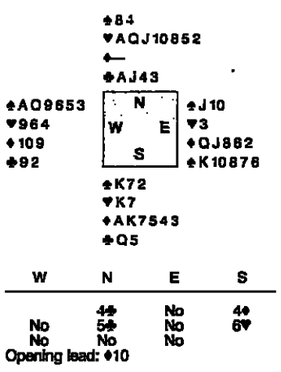
They are used to distinguish between the traditional opening of four of a major and hands that are stronger in high cards but on which it is nevertheless sound to open at the level of four.

(1) ♠5 ♥K-Q-J-9-8-4-3 ♦10-2 ♣K-Q-6
(2) ♠8-4 ♥A-Q-J-10-8-5-2 ♦ ♣A-J-4-3

Hand (1) is a normal 4♥ opening. You still open 4♥ when playing transfer pre-empts.

On hand (2) also it makes sense to pre-empt, but there may be a slam if partner has a few right cards. Playing transfer pre-empts, you open 4♣, denoting a strong pre-emptive type, nearly good enough for an Acol two. (By partnership arrangement, other definitions are possible.) If the suit were spades, you would open 4♠.

To sign off in game the responder simply bids opener's true suit: over 4♣ he bids 4♥; over 4♦, 4♠. When he has hopes of slam, he is very well placed: as the transfer opening is made two steps below the true suit, responder can show slam interest at no cost by bidding the intervening suit. Hand 2 is shown below in a full deal. Look first at the North-South cards.



W	N	E	S
	4♣	No	4♠
No	5♣	No	6♥
No	No	No	

Opening lead: ♦10

Over 4♣, South expects to have a play for 6♥ unless there are two quick losers. His bid of 4♠ is a slam try and has no reference to his holding in diamonds.

With a less promising hand, North would bid 4♥. Here, his suit is up to snuff and he has good controls, so he accepts the slam try by cue-bidding the ♣A. South can now go to 6♥, with the ♠K protected.

If West cashes the ♠A, South has to depend on the club finesse: as the cards lie, the slam fails. At the table, West led a diamond and South gratefully took the A-K, discarding dummy's spades. How should he continue?

South elected to run the ♣Q, but East won and astutely returned a diamond. This was ruffed in dummy but West got rid of his remaining club and now South had to lose a further trick as he could no longer dispose of dummy's losing club by ruffing it. This was poor play: there was no need for the club finesse. If South simply plays low to the ace and a club back, a third-round ruff with the ♥K will leave dummy high.

Transfer pre-empts do have a place in the scheme of things, but they have a downside. Suppose that the opponent on your right opens 4♣, showing hearts, and you hold this hand:

♠K-J-7-3 ♥5 ♦Q-J-9-6 ♣Q-10-9-3

Opponents are vulnerable, you are not. When feeling frisky, you may double on this moderate hand, understanding that this denotes a weak takeout double of 4♥.

The double is, to an extent, risk free. When third-hand turns out to have defensive capability, he will be unable to penalise you because the initial retaliatory move, a redouble, is not available to him.

Were Sam Stayman still around, he might promulgate yet another eponymous convention to exploit this Achilles' heel.

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(B, Q, M)	(o, G, s)	(f, a, S)
(C, P, F)	(N, I, H)	(b, g, t)
(G, C, E)	(p, K, l)	(f, e, k)
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(F, c, N)		

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